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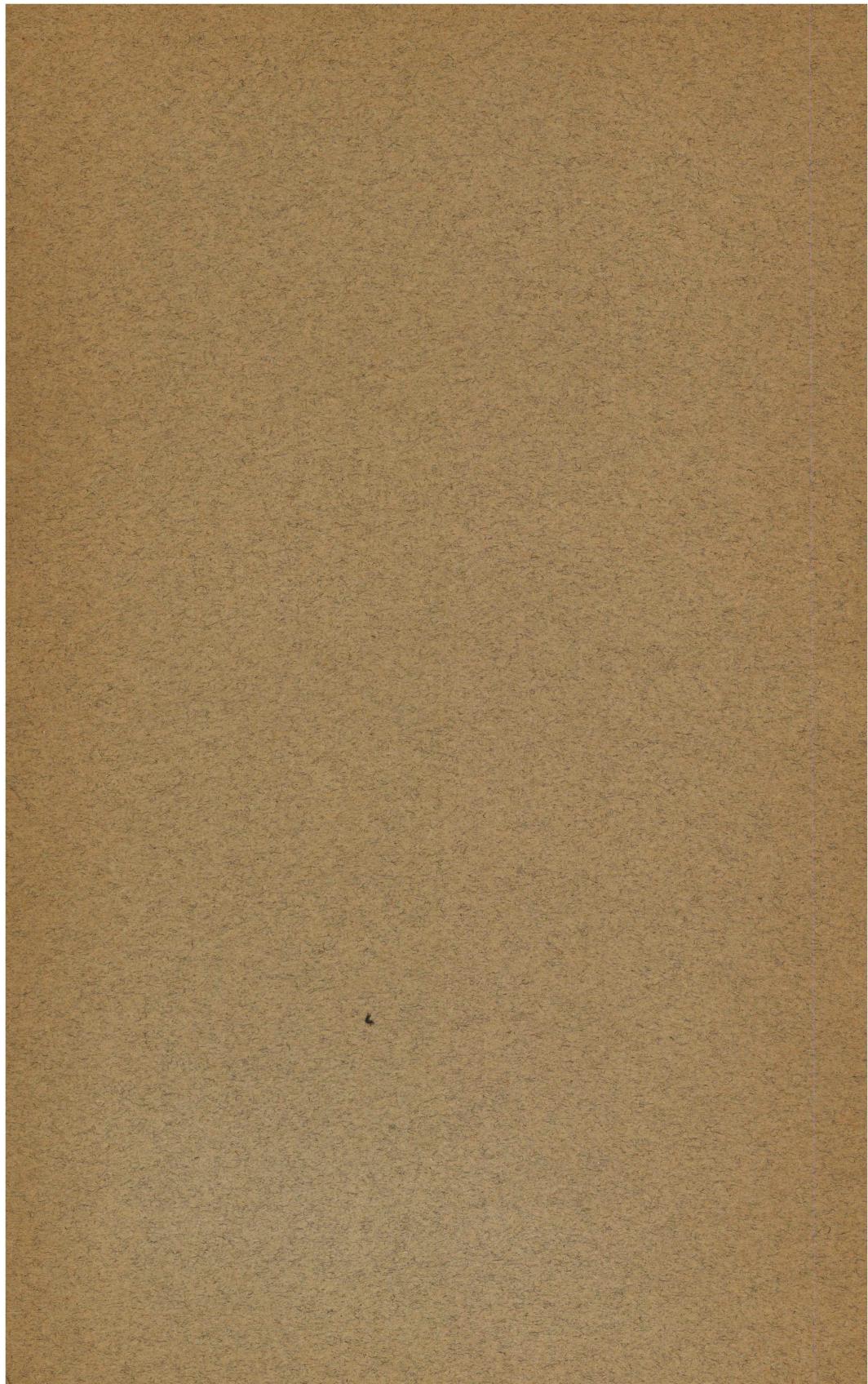
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ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
**SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST**

ARTICLE I

**1. Opening Service**

The Synod of the Northwest of the Reformed Church in the United States (now the Evangelical and Reformed Church) convened in general convention at Immanuel Reformed Church I, Town Herman, Shebogan County, Wisconsin, in its 74th annual session, September 3rd to September 5th, 1940.

The session was opened with a religious service, at 8 p. m. Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, at which the President, Rev. F. W. Knatz, D. D., preached on Eph. 1:22-23. The Rev. O. A. Menke, Assistant Stated Clerk of Synod, led the liturgical part.

After the sermon and the last hymn, Synod was called to order for its business session by the President. The Registrar reported that a quorum was present. The President reported that the Stated Clerk, Rev. H. K. Hartmann, and also the Registrar, Rev. C. W. Deglow, to the sorrow of the officers, could not be present on account of sickness. The officers appointed: O. A. Menke to act as Assistant Clerk and the Rev. E. P. Nuss as Registrar.

The Stated Clerk pro temp. read the rules about traveling expenses. Motion was adopted that we proceed with the election according to the rule of our Synod. The Revs. E. Jaberg, A. Tendick, A. Kruetzman, and the elders Henry Neuhaus, and Henry Shoenfeld were appointed tellers.

Rev. F. W. Knatz, D. D., was re-elected president and by acclamation the Rev. E. H. Wessler, D. D., was declared to be vice-president.

The order of business as given in the Blue Book was adopted.

The newly re-elected President Rev. F. W. Knatz, D. D., spoke a few words of appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him, he also expressed his appreciation that Immanuel Congregation invited Synod for its annual session.

The President reported, that on account of the action of Eureka Classis, which was officially sent to the officers of the Synod, some pastors and elders (who are present) of congregations of said Classis are not sure about their standing in our Synod and wish that Synod shall declare their status.

It was adopted that a special committee should investigate this matter and report to Synod early the next morning. Special Committee No. I. This Committee should also report about the

standing of the newly elected Pastor of Grace Reformed Church in Milwaukee, the Rev. John C. Gieser.

The Pastor Loci, Rev. C. L. Schmid, made some announcements and gave a hearty welcome to the members of Synod.

After the President had pronounced the benediction and the Congregation had responded with the doxology, Synod adjourned to meet again Wednesday morning at 8:30 a. m.

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## ARTICLE II

### 1. REPORT OF REGISTRAR

#### (a) Registration

At the beginning of every session and immediately before adjournment the Registrar reported. A quorum was present at each session and at the close.

1. Session: 71 Pastors out of 9 Classes.  
33 Elders out of 8 Classes.
2. Session: 81 Pastors out of 9 Classes.  
38 Elders out of 8 Classes.
3. Session: 79 Pastors out of 9 Classes.  
37 Elders out of 8 Classes.

Last Roll Call: 73 Pastors out of 9 Classes.  
33 Elders out of 8 Classes.

#### (b) Members Present

The figures in the following list designate the days on which the delegate registered; the letter (L) stands for the last registration; the letter (E) is "Excused." Where there is no figure or letter, there is neither registration nor excuse.

#### *Sheboygan Classis*

##### (Pastors)

Orval Egbert	1 2 3 L	J. C. Rosenau	1 2 E E
E. P. Nuss	1 2 3 L	A. E. Hammann	1 2 3 L
E. L. Hennig	1 2 E E	E. H. Wessler, D. D.	1 2 3 L
V. O. Grosshuesch	1 2 3 L	E. C. Jaberg	1 2 3 L
Ralph Ley	1 2 3 L	C. O. Schroer	1 2 3 L
E. G. Pfeiffer	1 2 3 L	H. T. Vriesen	1 2 3 L
P. Franzmeier	1 2 3 L	O. A. Menke	1 2 3 L
C. L. Schmidt	1 2 3 L	O. R. Gerber	1 2 3 L
W. Bollman, D.D.	1 2 3 L	P. Grosshuesch, D. D.	1 2 3 L
John Scheib	1 2 E E	K. J. Ernst, D. D.	1 2 E E
E. L. Worthman, D. D.	1 2 3 L	Joseph Bauer, Ph. D.	E E 3 E
V. E. Walenta	E 2 3 L	A. Grether, A. M.	1 2 3 L
A. C. Fischer	E 2 3 E	J. W. Grosshuesch, Ph. D.	1 2 3 E
W. C. Beckman	1 2 3 L	E. G. Krampe, D. D.	1 2 3 L

W. M. Bixler	1 2 3 L	A. C. Plappert	1 2 3 L
K. J. Stuebbe, D. D.	1 2 3 E	J. Gatermann	1 2 3 E
A. G. Schmid	1 2 3 L	A. Ruehmann	E 2 E E
Herman G. Schmid	1 2 3 L		

(Elders)

Emil Schaff	2	Hy. Treick	1 2 3 L
Robert Schmith	1 2 3 E	Hy. Schoenfeld	1 2 3 L
Richard Schafer	E 2 E L	Hugo Kalk	E 2 3 L
Wm. Wernecke	1 2 3 L	Herbert Kanske	1 E 3 E
Fred Spindler (pri)	1 E E E	Wm. Reineking	1 2 3 L
H. Rietbrock (sec)	E E 3 E	Wm. Zeinemann	E E E L
Henry Neuhaus	1 2 3 L	Otto Fasse	1 2 3 L
H. Duecker	E 2 3 L	Carl Reinecke	1 E E E
Arthur Stock	1 2 3 E	Wm. Redeker	1 2 3 L

*Milwaukee Classis*

(Pastors)

H. Nornberg	1 2 3 L	Gordon Robinson	1 2 3 L
John Mohr	E E 3 L	P. A. Olm	E 2 3 L
Th. Schildknecht	E E 3 L	H. G. Settlage	E 2 3 L
L. A. Moser	1 2 3 L	C. F. Flueckinger	E 2 3 L
F. W. Knatz, D. D.	1 2 3 L	Wm. Oelrich,	1 2 3 L
H. Lehman	E 2 3 L	T. P. Bolliger, D. D.	E 2 3 L
Richard Rettig	1 2 3 E	F. W. Lemke	1 2 3 L
Frank Settlage	E 2 3 L	A. Muehlmeier	1 2 3 L
Walter Harrell	1 2 3 L	H. C. Nott, D. D.	1 2 3 L
Geo. Grether	1 2 3 L		

(Elders)

Peter Senn	E 2 3 L	A. Dettweiler	E 2 3 L
C. Weckmueller	1 2 3 L	Geo. Koenig	1 2 3 L

*Minnesota Classis*

(Pastors)

W. J. Stuckey	1 2 3 L	Melvin Witmer	1 2 3 L
E. H. Opperman	1 2 3 L	H. L. Burkett	1 2 3 L
Esra Vornholt	1 2 3 L	Edw. H. Vornholt	1 2 3 L
E. M. DeBuhr	1 2 3 L	W. Baumgartner	1 2 3 L
C. Grosshuesch	1 2 3 L	A. W. Krueger	1 2 3 L
Edward Mohr	1 2 3 L		

(Elders)

George Herman	1 2 3 L	Fred Duval	1 2 3 L
John Schams	E 2 3 L	Albert Schmidt	1 2 3 E
M. Nellen	1 2 3 L	J. J. Wampfler	1 2 3 L
Wm. Eggler	1 2 3 L	August Becker	1 2 3 L

*Nebraska Classis*

(Pastors)

A. O. Engelmann	1 2 3 L	C. H. Riedesel	1 2 3 L
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(Elders)

George Pauley	1 2 3 L	W. Langenberg	1 2 3 L
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*Ursinus Classis*

(Pastors)

Arthur Kruetzman	1 2 3 L	Willard Sherman	1 2 3 L
John Schlamp	1 2 3 L	Clarence Koehler	1 2 3 L
John Seidler	1 2 3 L	A. J. Engelmann	1 2 3 L
A. Tendick	1 2 3 L		

(Elders)

Val. Accola	1 2 3 L	Wm. Mauser	1 2 3 L
Wm. Klatt	1 2 3 L	Arnold Hoker	1 2 3 L

*South Dakota Classis*

(Pastors)

B. M. Fresenborg	1 2 3 L	E. Kaempchen	1 2 3 L
Wm. Korn	1 2 3 L	Walter Odenbach	1 2 3 L
Aaron Kurtz	E 2 3 L	Alfred Funck	1 2 3 L

(Elders)

Dan. Mehlhaff	E 2 3 E	A. Grosshuesch	1 2 E E
Emanuel Auch	1 2 3 L	John Hauck	1 2 3 L
Christian Handel	1 2 3 L		

*Portland-Oregon Classis*

(Pastors)

None

(Elders)

None

*West Canada Classis*

(Pastors)

C. D. Maurer

1 2 3 L

(Elders)

None

*Eureka Classis*

(Pastors)

John Bodenman	1 2 3 L	Otto Hoffner	1 2 3 L
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(Elders)

J. C. Kreim

1 2 3 L

*California Classis*

(Pastors)

Robert Klaudt

1 2 3 L

(Elders)

Aug. Bender

1 2 3 L

**(c) Excused Members**

*Sheboygan Classis*

Pastors: Ben. Stucki, Theo. Blaufuss, John M. Bauer

Elders: Fred Stockmeier, Fred Decker, R. Matson, Carl Knoener,  
Fred Stelloh, H. T. Schroeder

*Milwaukee Classis*

Pastors: C. M. Zenk, A. R. Achtemeier  
Elders: Henry Blumer, H. Thiel, Floyd Hehenberger, Carl Becker,  
Fred Voeks, O. Giegax, A. Mertz

*Minnesota Classis*

Pastors: None  
Elders: Henry Florin

*Nerbraska Classis*

Pastors: H. K. Hartmann, C. W. Deglow  
Elders: O. J. Griess

*Ursinus Classis*

Pastors: None  
Elders: Wm. Burrichter

*South Dakota Classis*

Pastors: None  
Elders: None

*Portland-Oregon Classis*

Pastors: None  
Elders: None

*West Canada Classis*

Pastors: John F. Krieger  
Elders: A. Schneider, Frank Becker

*Eureka Classis*

Pastors: None  
Elders: None

*California Classis*

Pastors: All Excused  
Elders: All Excused

Respectfully,

EDWARD P. NUSS, Registrar  
H. E. NORENBERG  
GEO. PAULEY

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**2. Special Committee No. I**

The report was adopted item by item as follows:  
To the Synod of the Northwest:

The following items were referred to your Committee:

1. An overture of the Rev. John Bodenman of Wishek, North Dakota Charge, informing Synod that through an action of the Executive of the Eureka Classis, no documents were sent to the Synod of the Northwest, and hence no contingent money, and credentials of the delegates of that Classis.

This overture is accompanied by a copy of the circular letter informing the members of Eureka Classis of such action of the Executive, and by credentials of the elder delegates primarii and secundi of the Wishek, N. D., Fullerton, N. D., and Artas, S. D., charges properly executed and signed.

2. An overture of the Rev. Otto Hoffner of Artas, S. D., charge of the Eureka Classis, pertaining to this same action of the Executive of Eureka Classis, mentioned in the foregoing item 1 and requesting that his, Rev. Otto Hoffner's status as member of the Synod of the Northwest be maintained.

Regarding these two items, your Committee recommends the following action:

1. In as much as no member of any congregation or judicatory of the Reformed Church in the U. S. may be deprived of any of his constitutional rights and privileges except by proper procedure of church discipline, therefore the action of the Eureka Classis is out of order and censurable.

2. The Synod of the Northwest therefore grants the overture of Rev. John Bodenman, Rev. Otto Hoffner and the elders primarii and secundi of the Wishek, N. D., the Fullerton N. D., and Artas, S. D., charges and orders their names to be entered on the roll of members of Synod with all rights and privileges which this involves.

3. A further item was referred to your Committee regarding the status of the newly elected pastor of Grace Reformed Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Rev. John C. Gieser.

In as much, as the documents of dismissal and reception of Brother Gieser have not been officially reported to this, your Committee recommends that Rev. John C. Gieser be most cordially welcomed as advisory member and encouraged to participate in all deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. KRAMPE

E. M. DEBUHR

C. WECKMUELLER

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#### Documents for Special Committee I

Artas, S. D., Aug. 28, 1940

Rev. H. K. Hartman, Stated Clerk of  
the Synod of the Northwest,  
c/o Rev. Clarence Schmidt,  
Plymouth, Wisc. R. No. 3.

DEAR BROTHER: Because we have been notified by circular letter of which I am enclosing a copy, that the Stated Clerk of Eureka Classis will not send any credentials for delegates to Synod, and because I believe that this action of Eureka Classis is illegal and therefore am sending in this letter an overture to the Synod, and because I wish to maintain my rights and privileges as a member of the Synod of the Northwest of the Reformed Church in U. S. and the Church, I am asking you to enroll me

as a member of the Synod of the Northwest of the Reformed Church in U. S.

Respectfully yours,  
REV. OTTO HOFFNER, Artas, S. D.

Artas, S. D., Aug. 28, 1940

To the Hon. Synod of the Northwest of the Reformed Church in U. S. in session at Plymouth, Wisc.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Enclosed please find copy of a circular letter sent out by the Stated Clerk of Eureka Classis and I wish to

Overture

the Hon. Synod of the Northwest of the irregular action of the Executive and Classis which was taken at such a time as to make it impossible for any member of the Eureka Classis to make an official objection or appeal and so depriving me of my membership in the Synod of the Northwest in the Reformed Church in U. S.

I therefore respectfully request that the Synod of the Northwest of the Reformed Church in U. S. take note of this irregularity, acknowledge my membership in the Synod of the Northwest and that my name be properly enrolled in the official Roll of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,  
REV. OTTO HOFFNER, Artas, S. D.

To the Stated Clerk of the Northwest Synod.

DEAR BROTHER: The Executive of the Eureka Classis took an action that was out of order, as we consider. We present enclosed a circular letter of the Executive to show the irregularity. I could not fulfill the wish of the Executive to stay away with my Delegates from the meetings of the Synod, as I have accepted an appointment as a member of a Committee for the organization of the Dakota Synod. This Committee will meet during the days of the Synod meetings, and I have to attend. I hope that there can be found a way to enroll my name and the names of my Delegates properly in the official Roll of the Synod.

Respectfully,  
JOHN BODENMAN

Overture to the Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: Undersigned, a member of the Eureka Classis, also in the name of his Delegates, notifies herewith honorable Synod, for me and the Delegates of my Charges, and if possible, may grant us of our rights as members of the Synod. The refusal of the Executive to forward Minutes, Contingent money, Credentials of Delegates a.s.o.

to the Synod came at such time as to make it impossible for any member of the Classis to make an official objection or appeal.

Therefore I respectfully request that honorable Synod take note of this irregularity, may establish the position as members of the Synod for me and the Delegates of my Charges, and if possible may grant us the traveling expenses.

I enclose herewith the Circular letter of the Executive of the Eureka Classis, and I am prepared to pay to the Synod the 12 cents Contingent Fees for the members of my five congregations in the amount of \$28.80.

Respectfully,

JOHN BODENMAN

Wishek, N. D., Aug. 24, 1940.

P.S. I am also prepared to pay the Contingent to the General Synod.

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Hosmer, S. D., den 16. August 1940.

An die Glieder der Eureka-Klassis:

Liebe Brüder! Es wurde der Executive bei der letzten Jahressitzung der Klassis der Auftrag gegeben, auszufinden, auf welcher Autorität die Nordwestliche Synode diesen Herbst ihre Sitzung abhält, und demnach Dokumente der Synode zu entrichten oder nicht zu entrichten.

Auf Grund des Satzes, vom Präsidenten der vereinigten Kirche, Dr. L. W. Goebel, geschrieben: „Weil die kirchliche (ecclesiastical) Amtstätigkeit der früheren Gerichtshöfe mit der Sitzung der General-Synode aufgehört haben—“, musste die Executive entscheiden, daß die Sitzung der Synode des Nordwestens diesen Herbst nur durch besondere Anerkennung von der General-Synode der vereinigten Kirche als geltend in dieser Kirche angenommen werden kann. Diese besondere Anerkennung von der vereinigten Kirche kann entweder durch einen besonderen Beschluß der General-Synode oder durch Annahme von der General-Synode der Handlungen der Synode des Nordwestens geschehen.

Daraufhin würden wir also durch Tat den Beschluß der Klassis in dieser Hinsicht ungültig machen, wenn wir Protokoll usw. an die Synode des Nordwestens senden würden. Wir würden uns dann durch offizielle Tat mit einer Organisation verbinden, obwohl wir ausdrücklich beschlossen haben, nicht mit der vereinigten Kirche in Verbindung zu treten.

Darum beschloß die Executive, solche Papiere nicht an die Synode des Nordwestens zu entrichten, und keine Delegaten an diese Synode zu bescheinigen.

Achtungsvoll

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Unterzeichnet vom Ständ. Schreiber  
W. Großmann.

### 3. Report of Committee on Advisory Members

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee begs leave to report the presence of the following Advisory Members and Visitors:

Rev. Ernst Fledderjohn, D. D., Chicago Classis, Professor of Practical Theology in the Mission House.

Rev. Paul Blaufuss, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Rev. Emil Franz, Chicago Classis.

Rev. Athniel Stienecker, Fort Wayne Orphans' Home.

Rev. F. C. Hessert, D. D., Central Ohio Classis, Professor of Systematic Theology in the Mission House.

Dr. Carl Heyl, Northeast Ohio Classis, Editor of the Kirchenzeitung.

Rev. John Gieser of South Wisconsin Synod.

Rev. H. P. Ley, Dean of Men in the Mission House.

Rev. John Heimbuch, Minnesota District.

The Committee,

E. P. NUSS

WM. OELRICH

W. MAUSER

This report was adopted. The Committee reported immediately the presence of the brethren who were welcomed by the President.

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## ARTICLE III

### Organization

#### 1. RULES OF ORDER

The Rules of Order of the Reformed Church in the United States were observed in the transaction of all business. All sessions were opened either with a devotion or service, and closed with prayer. The whole church auditorium with exception of the last two rows of pews was designated as "Bar of the House."

#### 2. OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD

*President*—F. W. Knatz, D.D., 2735 North 40th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

*Vice-President*—Rev. E. H. Wessler, D.D., 612 Erie Street, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

*Stated Clerk*—Rev. H. K. Hartmann, Sutton, Nebraska.

*Assistant Stated Clerk*—Rev. O. A. Menke, R. 1, Plymouth, Wisconsin.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Rev. Gordon E. Robinson, 500 Cole Street, Watertown, Wisconsin.

*Registrar*—Rev. E. P. Nuss, Newton, Wisconsin.

*Treasurer*—Elder William Streblow, R. 1, Plymouth, Wisconsin.

*Custodian of Archives Committee*—Rev. H. T. Vriesen, Rev. O. A. Menke, Prof. J. Bauer, Ph.D., Rev. H. K. Hartmann, Elder C. Arnhoelter.

### 3. PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE

The order of business as indicated in the Blue Book was carried out as well as possible, however Synod closed one day earlier than expected.

## ARTICLE IV

### Appointments of Committees:

The President appointed the following committees which were ratified by Synod:

- No. 1. Religious Services: Rev. F. W. Knatz, H. K. Hartmann, Clarence L. Schmidt, Elder Wm. Streblow and Elder Rudolph Reineking.
- No. 2. General Synod: Rev. Ed. DeBuhr, Prof. Dr. K. J. Ernst, Elder M. Nellen.
- No. 3. Minutes of Synod: Rev. H. K. Hartmann, Alvin Engelmann, Elder John F. Nuss.
- No. 4. Minutes on Classes: Rev. E. L. Worthmann, Clarence L. Schmidt, Elder A. Mauck.
- No. 5. Overtures: Rev. Harvey Burkett, A. Geo. Schmid, Elder J. Hauck.
- No. 6. Institutions of Learning: Rev. John Scheib, Robert Klaudt, Elder George Herman.
- No. 7 Missions and Church Erection Fund: Rev. W. J. Stuckey, and 8. J. Schlamp, Elder John Hauck.
- No. 9. Education: Rev. Alvin Grether, Jaberg, Olm, Krueger, Alv. Engelmann, Tendick, Kurtz, C. Maurer, Elder Krein, R. Klaudt.
- No. 10. Ministerial Relief: Rev. John Bodenman, H. C. Nott, Elder Henry Mettler.
- No. 11. Benevolent Institutions: Rev. H. G. Settlage, W. Bollmann, Elder Wm. Langenberg.
- No. 12. Stewardship: Rev. A. C. Fischer, J. C. Rosenau, H. G. Settlage, C. Grosshuesch, Alvin Engelmann, John Seidler, W. Korn, A. Lienkaemper, C. H. Reppert, Ed. Evemeyer.
- No. 13. Evangelism: Rev. Otto Gerber, C. H. Riedesel, Elder Wm. Redeker.
- No. 14. Men's League: Rev. Elmer Jaberg, Geo. Grether, Elder Val. Accola.
- No. 15. Woman's Missionary Society: Rev. Clarence Koehler, J. C. Rosenau, Elder Wm. Eggler.

- No. 16. Student Aid: Rev. E. L. Worthman, K. J. Stuebbe, Elder C. Weckmueller.
- No. 17. Publication: Rev. H. G. Schmid, C. Grosshuesch, Elder Wm. Klatt.
- No. 18. Nominations and Elections: Rev. Victor Grosshuesch, G. and 19. Robinson, E. H. Oppermann, C. H. Riedesel, A. Tendick, Wm. Korn, C. H. Maurer, Elder H. Mettler.
- No. 20. Finances: Rev. L. A. Moser, B. M. Fresenborg, J. W. Grosshuesch, Elder H. Treick.
- No. 21. Publicity: Rev. Ralph Ley, Esra Vornholt, Elder J. J. Wampfler.
- No. 22. Advisory Members and Visitors: Rev. E. P. Nuss, Wm. Oelrich, Elder Wm. Maurer.
- No. 23. Excuses: Rev. E. P. Nuss, Harvey Noremberg, Elder George Pauley.
- No. 24. Resolutions: Rev. E. Mohr, A. Kruetzmann, Elder Albert Schmidt.
- No. 25. Traveling Expenses: Rev. John Seidler, W. Baumgartner, Elder Fred Druval.
- No. 26. Judicial Committee: Rev. E. G. Krampe, Elder George Koenig, Rev. C. Grosshuesch, C. H. Riedesel, J. Seidler, E. Kaempchen, C. D. Maurer, Otto Hoffner, Robert Klaudt.

**Special Committees for 1940**

- No. I. Eureka Classis Delegation: Rev. E. G. Krampe, E. DeBuhr, Elder C. Weckmueller.
- No. II. Recommendation relative to Delegates for Synod Meeting in the future: Rev. C. Grosshuesch, Carl Flueckinger, Elder Albert Schmidt.

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**ARTICLE V**

**Presentation of Blue Book and Other Documents.**

1. This year General Synod prepared a Blue Book for the meetings of the newly created District Synods. As reports of Synodical Boards were printed in that Blue Book, none was printed in a special Blue Book for the Synod except those which did not appear in the Blue Book of General Synod.

2. All Classes except Eureka Classis reported. However, some had only a short meeting since the regular business was transacted in the newly created Synods. Some Classes transacted their business as in former years. Of those reports, the reports on the State of Church and on Christian Education were forwarded to the President Dr. Knatz, and the Director of Christian Education respectively. Since Rev. W. C. Deglow suffered a stroke a few weeks before Synod meeting, the report of Nebraska Classis was not handed in.

## ARTICLE VI

### Reports of the Officers

#### 1. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH Preamble

This report on the State of the Church for our Synod must of necessity be a very incomplete one, inasmuch as your chairman, in formulating this report, had before him the reports of only five (resp. six) of the ten Classes till now affiliated with our Synod.

There was no report from Sheboygan Classis. The Stated Clerk of Synod informs me that there was no such report in the Minutes of said Classis to him.

The report of the Nebraska Classis is also missing, probably due to the fact that Brother Carl Deglow, Stated Clerk of that Classis, recently suffered a slight stroke, and was unable to send in such a report.

The report of the Portland-Oregon Classis is also missing for reasons unknown to us.

The report of the Minnesota Classis states: "In view of the fact that the parochial reports were to be sent to the respective newly organized synods to which the congregations of Minnesota Classis had been assigned, no report on the State of Church in our Classis could be formulated. However, the chairman received all the consistorial questionnaires, except from two congregations and these reported verbally through their delegate elder."

It is with a heavy heart that I report to Synod the following "Resolution adopted by the Eureka Classis by Roll-Call at its regular annual session at Leola, S. D., May 16-19, 1940."

To the Hon. Synod of the Northwest  
Of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Whereas the Eureka Classis has served notice on the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, (Minutes General Synod 1939, p. 106; and on the Synod of the Northwest, 1939, p. 72), of its intention to retain its identity as the Reformed Church in the United States, with all its rights, prerogatives and privileges; and whereas the Eureka Classis is firmly convinced that the new merger is not and can not be conducive for the promotion of the true faith, unity and doctrine, we find it impossible to affiliate with the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Seal of Eureka Classis.

Signed: REV. W. GROSSMANN  
Stated Clerk, Eureka Classis.

In addition to the above declaration, the Stated Clerk of Synod informs me:

"Eureka Classis refuses to submit anything to the Synod, neither copy of the minutes, nor the list of the delegates to Synod, nor the classical dues to the treasurer."

In view of the above mentioned facts, your President can give a resume of only the following Classes in this year's report on the state of the church within the bounds of our Synod: Milwaukee, Ursinus, South Dakota, West Canada, and California.

From the reports of these last named Classes, I therefore present the following report in accordance with the prescribed formula adopted by our Synod:

**Report of the State of the Church for the Year 1940**  
**Synod of the Northwest**

**I. Pastors and Their Activities**

Throughout the reports submitted, there is a note of sincere praise and thanks to God for His mercies shown our pastors and their families during the past synodical year. Most of them have without serious interruption been able to give themselves whole-heartedly and devotedly to the work to which they have been called. They have been faithful in the preaching of God's word and in the pastoral oversight of their respective charges. Theirs has also been an active ministry in the education of young and old in the precious truth of the gospel. In the report of the West Canada Classis we read: "All of them speak of hours of joy and pleasant experiences, but they also know what discouragement and adversities are." This probably goes for our brethren in all our Classes. But in all these things they have remained firm in their faith in God, and have experienced His gracious nearness.

Sickness and affliction have come to some of our brethren during the past year. Thus, Milwaukee Classis reports the illness, extending over many months, of the brethren Zenk, Rettig, and Huber. The first two have been restored to measurable health, and have resumed their work; but Brother Huber has been called to his eternal reward. In the Ursinus Classis the hearts of the Rev. John Schlamp and his children were saddened by the death of the wife and mother, but they find their comfort in the Word and by the Spirit of God. Another not happy experience came to our veteran and venerable brother, Doctor Henry C. Nott, who after about 55 years of service in Grace Church, Milwaukee, has relinquished his pastorate. His successor, the Rev. John Gieser, called from Toledo, Ohio, on July 1st took up his work.

South Dakota Classis tells of one of its pastors injured in a fall, from which he has not yet fully recovered; and also that his wife sustained a broken ankle, which, after six months, still makes going difficult. It also makes laudable mention of the Rev. G. Meininger, who, although not engaged in the active pastorate, gladly does: "Whatsoever his hand findeth to do," and of the Rev. Alfred Funck, emeritus, who is since last November serving the Tulare charge in the former Minnesota District once a month, and declares himself willing to serve other vacant charges within his reach. The 83 year old pastor emeritus of the now vacant Tripp charge, the Rev. M. Nuss, still serves to the best of his ability in that congregation.

The West Canada Classis reports one Pastor's family visited by

sickness. All have, however, recovered, and praise God for His help and strength.

#### II. *Consistories and Their Activities*

Where special mention is made of the consistories, the reports speak in terms of highest praise of the men, who with their pastors are taking an active part in the work of the congregations. They have stood by their pastors, and have shown their interest in the Church by exemplary attendance upon divine worship services, by teaching in the Sunday-schools, by visiting of the sick, and in the general oversight of the Lord's work in their respective congregations. One Classis reports: "It isn't an easy thing for an elder or a deacon in these days, and when such faithfulness is found, it should not remain unacknowledged."

#### III. A) *Congregational Activities*

In most of the Classes, church attendance is tabulated as "good," and in some instances "very good," although others wish that it might be "better than it is." A not altogether hopeless sign is seen in the fact that special services, such as Christmas and Easter, still fill many of the churches, and the attendance at the Lord's Supper is in most instances very gratifying. Family devotions and private prayers are still to be found in many quarters, although in some places these are conspicuous by their absence. One congregation in the Ursinus Classis places the Church Paper into every home. Several of the Classes report a decided improvement in Offerings for Benevolence. Ursinus Classis makes honorable mention of the congregation at Alleman, Iowa, which contributed more than \$2,000—for benevolence, almost half of that of the entire Classis; but it also has a word of praise for some of its smaller congregations who must struggle and sacrifice to keep their local work on a sound basis. South Dakota Classis says that it is the smaller congregations, which are usually burdened with the greater debt, which give the most for the benevolent work of the Church. West Canada Classis quotes one of its pastors: "The nickel is a curse to the church;" but adds, "It is not the nickel, but the five-cent heart and a five-cent love which needs to be sacrificed." California Classis reports: "Our giving, by way of increase is out of all proportions to our increase in membership, or rather lack of it."

Christian Education is more and more coming to the forefront of our church life. Daily Vacation Bible Schools, week-day religious instruction, attendance at Leadership Training Conferences, all add to the catechetical instruction of our youth, and are laying a firm foundation for the development of the Christian life in our young people. For some of our pastors, Christian Education presents a difficult problem, owing largely to an indifference and lack of co-operation on the part of some parents, many of whom, according to one of our Classes, "are poor church-goers."

#### B) *Physical Equipment*

To record in detail all of the improvements made to churches and church properties mentioned in the Classical reports, would take too

much time in this report to Synod. Suffice it to say that in almost every Classis mention is made of the determination on the part of our congregations to keep their properties in the best of shape. Painting the outside, and re-decorating the inside of churches and parsonages, installing heating plants, enlarging and furnishing of church basements, laying of sidewalks, all these things betoken a lively interest in and a love for the house of God and its surroundings and bring to the respective communities the visual demonstration that religion is a vital thing.

*IV. Special Events*

This past synodical year seems to have been almost devoid of jubilees and special occasions in our congregations. Ursinus Classis alone reports that Bethany Congregation of Baxter, Iowa, celebrated its 70th anniversary on Sunday, June 25th, 1939, with impressive services.

*V. Relation to the Merged Church*

Mention of the action of Eureka Classis in this respect has already been made and need not to be repeated here.

Ursinus Classis declares: "While Classis must of necessity maintain its identity at least for another year, much of its work has already been absorbed by Iowa Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and more will, no doubt, be taken over by that body after the meeting of General Synod. Classis will, however, continue to serve for the time being as a channel, through which the contributions of our congregations will flow for the benevolent work of the Church."

California Classis reports: "Nearly all ministers express hope and confidence in the possibilities for good in the forthcoming Synod of California under the merged Church. May God bless our act done in His fear, and may the "Unity of Faith" be maintained and carried forward."

*VI. Necrology*

Mention has already been made of the death of Rev. William Huber of West Bend, Wisconsin, in Milwaukee Classis.

Minnesota Classis reports the death of Elder Fred Brodt, of Peace Church, St. Paul, Minnesota; Nebraska Classis the death of Elder Fred Nuss, Hope Reformed Church, Sutton, Nebraska.

Portland-Oregon Classis reports the death of the Rev. Edw. J. Scheidt of Hillboro, Oregon, and of the wife of the Rev. George F. Zinn in Portland, Oregon.

California Classis states that a number of congregations have suffered severe loss by death, even to consistory men, but as it mentions no names, we can not report them to Synod.

Arrangements have been made in the program of Synod for a memorial service for these departed ones. May the Lord comfort the survivors with His Word and Spirit.

For all of us, our prayer is couched in the words of the Psalmist: "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it." (Psalm 90:17).

Respectfully submitted,  
F. W. KNATZ

*Action of Synod:*

The report was adopted as a whole. There were no statistics which could be read this time since this business will be transacted by the Stated Clerk of General Synod. Statistics of the United Church were sent out to every pastor. In connection with the report of the President, a short memorial service was conducted under the leadership of the Rev. H. T. Vriesen.

**2. REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**

DEAR BRETHEN: The various resolutions of Synod which were referred to the Stated Clerk for disposal, and other tasks, were attended to by the undersigned to the best of his ability. A complete report was given to the members of the Executive Board as can be found in the correspondence of the Executive Board.

The following items require special attention of Synod.

1. The Committee on Overtures has two communications from Dr. Wessler. Dr. Wessler will give the Synod further information regarding the task given in his charge.

2. Rev. John Krieger of the West Canada Classis informs me, that according to the present conditions in Canada, no Classical Dues can be sent to the United States.

3. Eureka Classis refused to pay Classical dues, as much as I found; when asked for the minutes of Classis, sent a Statement which was handed over to the Committee on Overtures. Eureka Classis also did not return the Delegation blanks with the names of the Delegates.

4. Undersigned prepared all the work for the Synod meeting, but he is sorry that he is unable to attend the meeting this time, due to illness.

It is his hearty wish that Synod may retain him as Stated Clerk and appoint an Assistant Stated Clerk for the session.

5. A few Copies of the minutes of other Synod Sessions have reached the undersigned and shall be incorporated into the Archives.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. K. HARTMANN, Stated Clerk

*Action of Synod:*

Item 1. Attended to.  
2. Referred to Finance Committee.  
3. Tabled until report of Committee on Classes, then taken up and recorded: Attended to.  
4. Adopted and request granted. The president of Synod

is authorized to write a suitable letter to Rev. H. K. Hartmann.

Then the report was adopted as a whole.

### 3. REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer read his report as follows. The report was referred to the Committee on Finances together with all the books and vouchers.

#### 1. Synodical Treasury

##### *Receipts:*

Balance in treasury, Sept. 1, 1939.....	\$2991.42
South Dakota Classis Dues .....	\$238.20
Interest, Zion Reformed Church, Harvard, Neb. ....	17.50
California Classis, Dues .....	88.32
Ursinus Classis, Dues .....	244.44
Milwaukee Classis, Dues .....	737.40
Minnesota Classis, Dues .....	428.64
Nebraska Classis, Dues .....	133.44
Sheboygan Classis, Dues .....	900.00
	2787.94
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	\$5779.36

##### *Expenditures:*

Traveling Expenses .....	\$1289.41
Rev. E. L. Worthman, item for synod .....	25.00
Rev. E. L. Worthman, telegrams, ballots etc. ....	3.92
Wm. Dederling, janitor .....	10.00
Rev. F. W. Knatz, expenses .....	1.50
Rev. E. H. Wessler, expenses to Midwest Synod ....	12.63
Rev. A. C. Fischer, expenses, Kingdom Ser. Conf. ..	24.60
Mission House traveling expenses, Rev. Stuebbe and Mr. Weckmueller .....	1.44
Rev. H. K. Hartmann, salary .....	200.00
Rev. Paul Land, Harbor Mission .....	138.67
Central Publishing House, Annuity Bond Interest ..	832.05
Minutes, postage, envelopes, express and pack. ....	397.60
Central Publishing House, Supplies Stated Clerk ....	2.22
Rev. E. H. Wessler, traveling expenses board .....	6.86
Rev. H. C. Nott, traveling, General Synod .....	41.60
Rev. F. W. Knatz, traveling, General Synod .....	38.00
Wm. Streblow, envelopes, stamps, etc. ....	2.00
Rev. H. K. Hartmann, expenses, 1939-40 .....	24.79
Central Publishing House, Blue Books and post. ....	85.38
	3137.67
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Balance on hand, Sept. 1, 1940 .....	\$2641.69
Notes of Zion Ref. Church, Harvard, Nebraska .....	350.00
Sheboygan Classis, back dues .....	105.84
Portland-Oregon Classis, back dues .....	118.08

West Canada Classis, back dues .....	109.32
Eureka Classis, back dues .....	224.52
Citizens State Bank, Statements Sept. 1, 1940 .....	\$2751.86
Less outstanding checks .....	110.17
	\$2641.69

**2. Synodical Reserve Funds**

Balance of Fund Sept. 1, 1939 .....	\$ 952.76
Interest .....	19.14
Balance of Fund Sept. 1, 1940 .....	\$ 971.90

**3. Treasury of Student Aid**

Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1939.....	\$ 434.10
Received:	
Sheboygan Classis .....	\$ 668.15
Milwaukee Classis .....	331.53
California Classis .....	64.30
South Dakota Classis .....	86.92
Minnesota Classis .....	155.58
Ursinus Classis .....	86.82
Nebraska Classis .....	24.00
Eureka Classis .....	10.75
Portland-Oregon Classis .....	9.90 1437.95
Drawn from Savings Account .....	265.00
	\$2137.05

*Expenditures:*

Alfred Bodenman .....	\$ 75.00
W. Schroer .....	75.00
Herold Birt .....	107.50
Carl Ringer .....	107.50
A. Roemer .....	150.00
H. B. Roemer .....	150.00
W. Burger .....	150.00
H. Kratzat .....	150.00
W. Odenbach .....	107.50
R. C. Volkert .....	100.00
R. D. Dobay .....	107.50
O. Schroer .....	150.00
C. Thaden .....	150.00
C. Stuebbe .....	65.00
D. Rodell .....	107.50 1752.50
Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1940 .....	\$ 384.55

The Committee appointed by General Council last year in January met May 14, in Chicago, to hear representatives in this matter.

I feel we have impressed this matter seriously enough so the General Synod will be asked to see that the M. H. gets 1/12 of its annual apportionment, it has received from the church, monthly after it must look to General Synod for support.

As to the doctrinal question the committee yesterday took action to have President Goebel include in his report a statement asking for conferences on these theological questions of doctrine in the hope that out of them may come a solution satisfactory to this section of the church. I don't know what more we could demand. An immediate solution is impossible. It will have to be one that comes out of conferences on the matter involved.

I am attaching my expenses . . . . .

Sincerely,

Signed, E. H. WESSLER

For further information see also the action of other synods in the minutes of the Northwest Synod of the year 1939.

H. K. H., Stated Clerk

Item 5. Referred to the Committee on Classes.

6. Tabled until report on Minutes of Classes, and then referred to Finance Committee with the recommendation that the committee confer with the members of Nebraska Classis.

7. Referred to Finance Committee.

8. Referred to Special Committee I.

Then the report was adopted as a whole.

#### 6. INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING

The following report was adopted as a whole:

DEAR BRETHREN: The following two items were referred to your Committee:

1. Report of the Mission House from the Blue Book.
2. Content of the address by the President of the Mission House, Dr. Paul Grosshuesch.

Be it resolved:

1. That Synod rejoices in the constant progress of the Mission House, and expresses its confidence and gratitude to the officers, faculty, and members of the Board for their untiring efforts to increase the usefulness of our school. We rejoice to hear about the dedication of the new Administration-Library Building, and hope that we may soon have a chapel on the campus.

2. That we encourage our young people to consider seriously the Mission House, when they think of higher education.

3. That we encourage our people to take annuity bonds with the Mission House.

4. That our congregations be asked to give \$1.00 per member for

the support of the Mission House until we have passed the present transition period, and the support of the school is assured by General Synod.

We take note of the fact that six members of the new Mission House Board have been elected by General Synod. We commend our school to the guidance of God through Jesus Christ and pray for its continued welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN SCHEIB

R. KLAUDT

GEO. HERMAN

#### 7 and 8. ON MISSIONS AND CHURCH ERECTION FUND

The following report was adopted. The letter of the Harbor Missionary, Rev. Paul Land, was read. For the benefit of our old members who always supported the Harbor Mission the letter of Dr. Land will be printed at the end of the report in the German language.

DEAR BRETHREN: There was referred to the Committee:

1. Annual report of the Department of the Northwest and
2. A communication from Dr. P. H. Land, our Harbor Missionary in New York.

1. Reports on and recommendations concerning both the Foreign and the Home Mission work of our Church will reach every pastor and congregation of our Synod through the minutes of the General Synod in 1940. We urge that every pastor, consistory, and congregation endeavor to devote themselves with all earnestness to the study of, to prayer for, and to generous support of these essential enterprises of our Church.

2. So far as the Department of the Northwest is concerned it is difficult to formulate any definite recommendations owing to the new setup in the administration of the general work of Home Missions and Church Erection Fund. However, we do recommend the heartiest support of the Indian Mission at Black River Falls and the Indian School at Neillsville with our prayers and gifts.

3. We appreciate gratefully the work of our Harbor Missionary in New York, and urge pastors, consistories, and congregations to give the Mission SOME financial and material assistance in these trying times.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. STUCKEY

J. SCHLAMP

JOHN HAUCK

#### Bericht des Hafenmissionars.

New York City, den 31. August 1940.

An die Chr. Synode des Nordwestens, in Sitzung in der Immanuel-Kirche,  
Town Herman, Wis.

Geliebte Väter und Brüder! Ihr Hafenmissionar möchte die Gelegenheit nicht vorübergehen lassen, Ihnen bei Ihrer letzten Sitzung als Synode des

Nordwestens einen recht herzlichen Gruß und Segenswunsch zuzurufen aus der Ferne. — Fast möchten wir ausrufen: „Es tut mir leid um dich, mein Bruder Jonathan,” denn wie viele schöne und angenehme Stunden hat nicht der Hafenmissionar im Kreis der lieben Brüder Ihrer Synode verbracht. Stunden, die nicht nur der Geselligkeit gewidmet waren, sondern auch solche, in denen das Reichswerk unsers Herrn und Heilandes ernstlich erwogen und darüber Rätsel gepflogen wurde, wie man die Kirche Christi besser bauen und mehr Eifer und Liebe zu seinem Werk erwecken könnte, ad majorem Dei gloriam. Leider ist es mir nicht möglich, bei Ihrer Sitzung gegenwärtig zu sein, aber ich möchte Ihnen doch in kurzen Worten berichten, was wir im vergangenen Jahr getan haben, und was die Aussichten für die Zukunft sind.

Der Krieg hat auch uns gar mancherlei zu denken gegeben und unsrer Arbeit ein andres Gepräge aufgedrückt. Aber zu tun gab's genug zu jeder Zeit und Stunde, vom frühen Morgen bis manchmal in die späte Nacht hinein. In den ersten Monaten nach Ausbruch des Krieges beeilten sich die guten Deutsch-Amerikaner, die drüben in der alten Heimat zu Besuch gewesen, sobald als nur irgend möglich wieder heim nach Amerika zu kommen. Das gab vielerlei Aufregung und Arbeit. Die Dampfer kamen sehr unregelmäßig hier an. Manchmal mußten wir in aller Herrgottsfürche schon am Pier sein, um unsre Clienten in Empfang zu nehmen, ein andermal kam der Dampfer erst spät am Abend hier an, und es wurde Mitternacht, bis wir vom Dock kamen, und noch viel später, bis wir unsre Pflegebefohlenen auf die Eisenbahn, oder in einem Hotel untergebracht hatten.

Nach dieser unruhigen Zeit kam wieder ein neues Kapitel. Viele gute Leute, die schon lange Jahre in den Ver. Staaten wohnhaft sind, kamen zu dem Schluß, daß es doch besser für sie sei, sich um das amerikanische Bürgerrecht zu bemühen, um nicht wieder all den Chikanen ausgesetzt zu sein, die der Weltkrieg mit sich brachte. Infolgedessen besuchten oder schrieben viele Leute uns, um Anleitung zur Erlangung des Bürgerrechtes zu bekommen. Wir standen ihnen mit Rat und Tat zur Seite nach besten Kräften, was dankbar anerkannt wurde. Zu gleicher Zeit wurden wir von einer ganzen Anzahl von Leuten in Europa und auch in andern Ländern bestürmt, ihnen die Wege zu ebnen, so daß sie hier einwandern könnten. Derartige Gesuche kamen aus Deutschland, aus der Schweiz, aus Mexiko und andern Ländern. Wir haben unser Bestes getan, um diesen Leuten behilflich zu sein, doch das war nicht leicht, besonders bei der gegenwärtigen ungünstigen Stimmung unsrer Regierung und des Volkes gegen alles, was deutsch ist. — Unter denen, die unsre Hilfe in Anspruch nahmen, waren auch mehrere Professiten, die aus Deutschland oder Österreich geflüchtet waren wegen der allgemeinen Judenhetze drüben in Europa. Diese Arbeit ist auch jetzt noch im Gange und wird wohl noch eine geraume Weile andauern, es sei denn, daß man drüben andres Sinnes wird.

Nun kommt jetzt wieder etwas ganz Neues an die Reihe, was uns wahrscheinlich ziemlich viele Arbeit und Korrespondenz bringen wird, nämlich das neue Gesetz über die „Registrierung aller Ausländer“. — Es fangen an, allerlei schriftliche Anfragen dieserhalb zu kommen, und wir werden um Rat und Aufklärung ersucht. Gern sind wir dazu bereit, denn wir haben stets gepredigt, daß jeder, der hier im Land sein Brot verdient, auch Bürger werden solle, sobald als möglich. Es ist leider heutzutage nicht mehr so leicht wie in frühe-

ren Jahren, das Bürgerrecht zu erlangen, es kostet viele Mühe, Schererei und Geld. Und bis es dazu kommt, muß der Eingewanderte eben sich als Ausländer registrieren lassen, was besonders solchen, die nicht ganz regelrecht eingewandert sind, viel Kopfzerbrechen und unnötige Angst bereitet. Außer all dieser Tätigkeit haben wir auch noch Tag für Tag die Arbeit mit den vielen deutschen Arbeitslosen, Armen, Kranken und Krüppeln, die zu uns um Hilfe kommen. Mit der Wohltätigkeit, die die Stadt an ihnen übt, ist es nicht weit her. Kaum, daß man sie am Leben erhält und ihnen ein notdürftiges Obdach gewährt. Für alles andre, was der Mensch noch braucht, müssen die christlichen Missionen sorgen. Hungrig sind diese Leute immer, denn die Stadt liefert nur zwei tägliche Mahlzeiten am Tag. Unsre Hafenmission ist stadtbekannt dafür, daß wir so vielen dieser armen Menschen helfen und besonders sie mit Kleidung und Schuhen versorgen. Zum Glück haben die Leser unsers Monatsblattes, des „Einwanderer-Freund“, stets ein warmes und lebendiges Interesse für diese unsre Liebesarbeit bewiesen und versorgen uns in liberalster Weise mit den nötigen Kleidungsstücken usw., was hoffentlich auch fernerhin der Fall sein wird.

Leider ist die Unterstützung seitens der deutschen Gemeinden in letzterer Zeit nicht mehr, was sie früher war. Deshalb bitten wir die Chr. Synode dringend und herzlich, doch den Gemeinden das Liebeswerk der Hafenmission auch fernerhin auf das wärmste ans Herz zu legen und die dazu nötigen Entschlüsse zu tun.

Nun zum Schluß noch die allerherzlichsten Segenswünsche für die Zukunft. Mag auch die Nordwestliche Synode als solche aufhören zu existieren, so wird doch der Geist der Nächstenliebe und die Begeisterung für alle Zweige der Reichsgottesarbeit unserer Kirche nicht verlöschen. Deshalb bitten wir die lieben Brüder noch einmal aufs herzlichste, doch die Hafenmission ernstlich im Gedächtnis zu behalten, uns die so sehr nötige finanzielle Unterstützung angeidehen zu lassen, durch Kollekten und Privatgaben, und auch unser kleines Monatsblatt, den „Einwanderer-Freund“, allen Gliedern auf das wärmste zu empfehlen.

Wiel Glück und Segen für die Zukunft in der neuen Verbindung wünscht Ihnen allen, zugleich mit den freundlichsten Grüßen, Ihr alter, stets dankbarer und zu Diensten

Ergebenster,

Paul H. Land, Hafenmissionar.

#### 9. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

To the Reverend Synod of the Northwest:

DEAR BRETHREN: To your Committee were referred the following items:

- a. Annual Reports of the Board of Christian Education of the Synod of the Northwest.
- b. A Supplement to the above report, containing digests of classical reports received after the annual meeting of the Board.
- c. Reports on Christian Education from the minutes of the Minnesota, Nebraska, Ursinus, South Dakota, West Canada and California

Classes,—all of which are summarized in the Report of our Board and the supplement thereto.

As the supplement is not printed in the Blue Book, we bring to the attention of members of Synod certain matters of general interest found therein:

Milwaukee Classis has discontinued its Committee on Christian Education and made provision to have its specific classical projects taken care of through the South Wisconsin Synod.

Minnesota Classis held a special discussion of Christian Education during its annual session, but does not report the results or the findings.

Ursinus Classis reports that family prayers and devotions as well as subscribing to the church papers are encouraged in every possible way.

West Canada Classis deplores the lack of family devotions and of a program for youth to the age of at least eighteen years, and urges pastors and consistories to secure the co-operation of the homes in the Christian education of youth.

California Classis reports evidence of renewed interest and progress of the awakening of the Christian conscience to the necessity of undergirding Christian Education in view of the rising tide of secularism and paganism that threatens to destroy the Christian home.

The fact that the reports on Christian Education were received from only six classes appears to indicate that in some instances at least the educational work of those not reporting has been turned over to the new District Synods, and that the closing chapter of our synodical work of Christian education is being written.

Our synodical Board of Christian Education is aware of this fact and accordingly "is placed at the disposal of the new Synodical Committees on Christian Education all information and results of its studies in our specific field." It recognizes the importance of these new committees for the future promotion of our educational work. To the constituency of our Synod it should be gratifying to learn that the services of Dr. E. G. Krampe, as Director of Religious Education, are to be continued, so that his expert counsel will continue to be available among us.

Your Committee recommends the following actions.

Resolved:

1. That the recommendations offered by our Synodical Board of Education on page 9 of the Blue Book be adopted and called to the attention of members of Synod.
2. That since the new Synods are now taking over the work of Christian Education in our territory, our Synodical Board be given authority to dissolve upon the completion of its business.
3. In appreciation of the aid given to Christian education in our territory by General Synod's Board of Christian Education, and on the basis of the original contract between the two Boards, whereby a

Director of Christian Education for the Synod of the Northwest was maintained largely at the expense of General Synod's Board, Synod authorizes its Board of Christian Education to transfer its assets to the Board of Christian Education of General Synod.

4. The Synod of the Northwest extends its sincere appreciation to the members of its Synodical Board and to the Director of Christian Education, Dr. Krampe, for their faithful services during the years.

5. Our pastors and elders are urged to continue using the Heidelberg Catechism in the instruction of youth and adults, and to endeavor earnestly to instill into their hearts and minds the truth of our Christian faith as so clearly, nobly, and scripturally stated in the Catechism, for it is only when these truths become a living force in the hearts and minds that the Heidelberg Catechism, which is so dear to us, is truly being preserved to the church.

6. Finally your Committee agrees unanimously, that at a time when there is very much in evidence a nation-wide movement to train youth for war and hate, through compulsory military training, conscription and draft, the church must definitely increase her purpose and effort in the training of youth for Christian peace, love, and good will. Your Committee therefore emphatically recommends that the pastors and teachers and leaders of youth give serious and prayerful consideration to the present necessity of educating youth for peace in time of war and rumors of war, and of promoting to the very uttermost the principles and teachings of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on Christian Education:

Signed: ALVIN GRETER	ALVIN O. ENGELMANN
R. KLAUDT	C. D. MAURER
E. C. JABERG	A. KURTZ
ARMIN A. TENDICK	PAUL A. OLM
ARTHUR W. KRUEGER	J. C. KREIN

The report was adopted item by item with the additional resolution:

To give Dr. E. G. Kampe and also the Board of Christian Education a rising vote of thanks. Every member of Synod arose.

#### S U P P L E M E N T

to the

Annual Report of the Board of Education  
of the Synod of the Northwest  
1939 — 1940

Official Digest of these Classical Reports on  
Christian Education which were received  
by the Board, after its annual meeting.

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest:

DEAR BRETHREN: After the annual meeting of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Northwest had been held, and after the

annual report of the Board had already been printed for the Blue Book of Synod, some additional, official reports from several Classes were received by the Director from the Stated Clerk of Synod. Since it was impossible to add digests from these to the already printed annual report of the Board, the members of the Board unanimously agreed that such digest be prepared by the Director, E. G. Krampe, and presented to Synod in behalf of the Board as "Supplement" to its annual report in the Blue Book. This digest is accordingly presented to Synod as follows:

*Milwaukee Classis:* The report of this Classis states that the work of Christian education is being adequately taken care of in the respective congregations by the newly organized South Wisconsin Synod, through its Synodical Committee on Christian Education. Classis expresses its gratitude to our Director, Rev. E. G. Krampe, for his untiring efforts in the territory of Milwaukee Classis, and rejoices that his services will be continued in the South Wisconsin Synod. Thereupon this Classis resolved to discontinue its "Classical" Committee on Religious Education, and took steps through appropriate resolutions, that its specific Classical projects and its connections with the Wisconsin State Council of Churches be hereafter taken care of through the South Wisconsin Synod.

*Minnesota Classis:* This Classis reports as follows: "Rev. Arthur Krueger reported verbally. After his report he requested that Classis make Christian education a subject for special discussion. His report was adopted. *Motion adopted:* That we make Christian Education an order of the day for Tuesday, at 4:15 o'clock. At the specified time Classis convened for a special discussion of this subject. The meeting was led by Rev. Krueger, member of the Board."

No further report on the educational work of this Classis was received.

*Ursinus Classis:* This Classis reports that pastors feel it to be their first task to educate and train the children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. It further reports that in some instances parents show interest and cooperation, and are not lacking in efforts to support this important work, but that other families fail to do so. Five charges of the Classis conducted Summer or Vacation Church schools; three sent teachers and other delegates to leadership training schools and conventions; one church has a catechetical school of two half days per week from September to May, and a Saturday morning school for Primary pupils from September to Christmas. Other Christian education work and methods are carried on in young people's societies, Youth Fellowships, Woman's Missionary Societies, Mission Bands, etc. Family Prayers and Devotions and the reading and subscribing to the Church papers, are encouraged in every possible way. This Classis acted favorably on the recommendation of Synod and encourages its constituency to devote itself more seriously to the task of watching over the devotional life of the homes, and training of children, and urges a continued increase in the financial support of the work of Christian education.

*West Canada Classis:* The report of this Classis speaks of the commendable things that can be said of the work in the Sunday-schools and in the catechetical classes, as outstanding luminous points in the congregational reports. But the report further states, that with but few exceptions the congregational reports on the work with youth after confirmation are correspondingly depressing. It is deplored that in most homes "Family Devotions" are not observed, thus depriving the confirmed youth of that Christian atmosphere which is so needed for Christian growth. The report further deplores the lack of a program for youth up to the age of at least 18 years. This Classis urges pastors and Consistories to see to it that the homes co-operate more effectively in the Christian education of youth, and that pastors particularly endeavor to promote the observance of "Family Devotions." This Classis also voted that the work of the Board of Christian Education be financially supported in an energetic manner.

*Eureka Classis:* No report was received from this Classis, but information from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Northwest states that this Classis refuses to send any documents to the Synod of the Northwest.

*California Classis:* This Classis reports that in spite of problems and difficulties there is evidence of renewed interest and progress, and that pastors and teachers are becoming more alert to taking advantage of the expanding program of Christian education. The Christian conscience is awakening more than ever to the necessity of undergirding the Christian education of our Church's children and Youth, and that an urgent effort should be made to stem the tide of secularism and paganism that seriously threatens to destroy the Christian Home. This Classis expresses its deep-felt thanks for the whole-hearted loyalty of the faithful workers in all its churches, and also, in special resolutions, adopted all the recommendations of the Board of Christian Education and of the Synod of the Northwest.

*Sheboygan Classis:* The official Minutes of this Classis contain no report on Christian Education.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the  
Board of Education of the Synod of the Northwest,  
E. G. KRAMPE, Director

Plymouth Wisconsin,  
August 26th, 1940.

#### 10. MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The following report was adopted as a whole:

DEAR BRETHREN: The following material was referred to your Committee:

a. The 1939 Blue Book.

It is to be expected that the Articles of the Church Pension Fund of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, adopted by the General Synod, will be studied minutely by the members of the Synod. The whole matter need not be repeated in this report.

But we direct the attention of the Synod to the following points:

1. The "R" Sustentation Fund for the future shall be managed and maintained in accordance with the terms, conditions, rules and regulations of this fund until the liabilities and obligations of all outstanding certificates of membership shall have been satisfied. As the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund is put into operation, the Sustentation Fund will be closed to new members.

2. A new fund is now put into operation, The Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund. Each pastor shall become a member of this fund.

3. Concerning Relief we note: Each contributing member of the Sustentation Fund or the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, and who has paid his Sustentation Fund dues regularly and also has complied with all the terms and conditions of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, shall be eligible also to receive benefits from the Apportionment, or Budget of the Church.

4. Any money of the additional Benefit Reserve of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church in the United States, for the purpose of increasing the benefits of an individual member, will still be credited to the account of that individual member.

5. The members of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund shall pay as their fee 8% of their salaries, namely 3% paid by the ministers and 5% paid by their congregations. From these fees 5% will be equalized regarding the outcoming benefits and 3% allocated.

6. Out of these Ministers' dues of 3% the fee for the Sustentation Fund will first be paid. The remaining balance goes to the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund. In case the dues of a member of the Sustentation Fund of the Reformed Church are less than 3% of his annual salary, his dues shall be brought up to 3% of his annual salary, out of which payment of dues the amount of his annual Sustentation Fund dues shall be allocated to the Sustentation Fund and Relief Department of said Church Pension Fund and the remainder of the 3% of his annual salary payments shall be allocated to the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund, credited to his account, and applied in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Ministers' Retirement Annuity Fund.

7. We recommend the liberal and hearty support of the apportionment of the Church for Ministerial Relief by our congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BODENMAN

HENRY C. NOTT

HENRY F. METTLER

## II. REPORT ON BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS

The following report was adopted as a whole:

DEAR BRETHREN: The following documents were referred to your Committee:

1. The Annual Report of the Orphans' Home Board.

2. The Annual Report of the Home for the Aged at Upper Sandusky.

In view of the fact that the ownership of the Northwest Synod in these Homes will, in the very near future, be transferred to various Synods in the United Church your Committee may not make any authoritative recommendations regarding the future financial support of these institutions, but urge it upon Rev. Synod:

- a. To express its satisfaction and joy in the present status of both institutions.
- b. To express its appreciative recognition of the faithful and efficient services rendered by the Superintendents, Boards, personnel and workers of these institutions.
- c. To challenge all churches to manifest the same loyalty toward these institutions in the future as was manifested in the past until the adjustment has been completed.
- d. To assure both Homes of our sincere interest in and our earnest prayers for their future welfare and development, and of our heartfelt wish that God's choicest blessings rest upon both Homes.

Very respectfully submitted,

H. G. SETTLEAGE  
WM. BOLLMANN  
W. F. LANGENHEIM

**12. REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP**

The following report was adopted with the addition: Synod gratefully acknowledges the service of this Committee during all these years.

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest:

DEAR BRETHREN: The usual reports of the several Classes were not available as in former years, nor were any other items referred to your Committee on Kingdom Service.

Your Committee therefore begs leave to present this as its final report.

The important item of business transacted by your Committee followed immediately after the meeting of Synod last Fall. Not merely to call attention of the various Classes to the actions of Synod, but especially to present the plan for observing 1940 as Stewardship Year.

Now that all matters of benevolent work will come to our congregations thru the channels of the new Synods after 1940, your Kingdom Service Committee feels that it can render no further service, and therefore need no longer to exist.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee:

A. C. FISCHER	H. G. SETTLEAGE
ALVIN O. ENGELMANN	CALVIN GROSSHUESCH
J. R. SEIDLER	W. E. KORN

### 13. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

The following report was adopted:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: A troubled and confused world is today looking for a way out of its present uncertain and unpromising condition of existence. This presents to the Church of Jesus Christ a very definite challenge and responsibility, for it alone has the revelation of the Way, the Truth, and the Life in Christ Jesus her Lord. It is our contention that the evangelistic work of the Church is not an emotional explosion of moral and ethical laws and codes, the promotion of the various conservation programs, the enlightening of our people in the wisdom of this world as gathered from magazines and all kinds of advance agencies, but the proclamation of the Word of God as we are instructed to do by the Lord of the Church and by the Apostle Paul. We must face the problems and conditions of life today with a faith that is founded in Christ Jesus; a faith that will defy any attempt to break down the sure position of the child of God and of the Church of Jesus Christ. It is our duty as ministers and leaders in the Church to proclaim to the world that which is true and built upon the Truth of God cannot be destroyed; "and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

We urge the brethren not to make the common error of preaching and applying Christ and Christianity to everyday life without first bringing the people to a definite knowledge of who that Christ is and what that Christianity is.

In a day when the powers that be are advancing the doctrine of hate, discrimination, nationalism, destruction and war, we must fearlessly proclaim the doctrine of the Prince of Peace, and love of a Heavenly Father, and salvation in Christ alone.

Respectfully submitted,

O. R. GERBER    C. H. RIEDESEL    WM. REDEKER

### 14. COMMITTEE ON MEN'S LEAGUE

The following report was adopted.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee desires herewith to report that no material relating to this phase of our work was referred to it.

According to the latest annual report of the Board of Directors in the Blue Book of General Synod, the Churchmen's Brotherhood now numbers 270 chapters and has a membership of 6000 men in the Eastern district of our Church and 457 chapters with 20,000 members in the Western district. 25 new chapters were organized in the Eastern district and 18 new chapters in the Western district.

We recommend that, wherever possible, Churchmen's Brotherhoods or similar organizations be called into life, because of their importance to our kingdom work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. JABERG    GEORGE GRETHER    V. C. ACCOLA

#### 15. COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

The following report was adopted. The letter of Mrs. C. B. Achtemeier was read and is printed below.

To the Reverend Northwest Synod:

The following documents were referred to your committee:

1. The reports contained in the Blue Book of General Synod.
2. The report of the president of the W.M.S. of Northwest Synod.
3. A communication from Mrs. V. Walenta, Kohler, Wisconsin.

From these several sources your committee gathers the following information for the attention of the Synod.

1. The W.M.S. reports an active, energetic year of labor. There has been a gratifying increase in membership, and the Synodical Society now reports 791 active members of the W.M.S.; 185 girls in the G.M.G.; and 736 children enrolled in the Mission Band.

2. This past year the W.M.S., G.M.G. and Mission Bands contributed through their budget \$1818.52, they brought a \$2478.15 Thank-offering, and gave \$628.00 for other special purposes.

3. The Women's Guild, organized at Cleveland, Ohio, on Nov. 1, 2, 3, 1939, by representatives of the W.M.S.G.S. and of the Evangelical Women's Union, and of the unorganized Ladies'Aid Societies, is now, by action of the General Synod, the officially recognized organization for women. The purpose of this organization is to formulate an all-inclusive program of education and service for the women's organizations of the Church.

Your committee recommends the following resolutions for adoption:

1. Synod notes with appreciation the labors of the W.M.S., G.M.G., and Mission Bands in their educational and financial program, and Synod expresses its gratitude to these organizations for the splendid material support given to our Mission Boards and Institutions.

2. That as pastors and elders we lend our support to the organization and formulation of the new Women's Guild and its program, but that we also urge our local societies to maintain their loyalties and standards of education and service.

3. That the communication from Mrs. V. Walenta concerning the change of date for the organization of the N. Wisconsin Synod Women's Guild from Sept. 12th to Sept. 13th, be read.

Respectfully submitted,

H. KOEHLER

W.M. EGGLER

#### Report of the Woman's Missionary Society

To the Rev. Synod of the Northwest:

Each fall we stand, as it were, on a threshold looking back over the work which has been accomplished, and ahead into the future with its challenges and opportunities for service. 'Tis true we can never measure the influence which the Woman's Missionary Society and the

Girl's Missionary Guild have had upon the individual, but we can judge somewhat by the work which has been done.

As we review the work of the past year, we are conscious of our many weaknesses, but we are also grateful for what we have been able to accomplish. Although no great increases can be reported, a slow steady growth is noticeable.

We have an increase in membership, although not as large as we had hoped. There are now 791 women actively participating in the program of the Society.

The girls and children are also active in their organizations. Although we cannot report an increase in membership of the G.M.G., the reports of their activities are very encouraging. We have 185 girls in the G.M.G. and 736 children in the Mission Band.

We note with grateful hearts the increased interest of our women and girls in reading, not only the books suggested on our Reading Course lists and the Citizenship and Stewardship material, but also the Outlook of Missions. Our interest in our brothers of other lands and races grows in direct ratio to our knowledge of them; and with our interest comes increased consecration and desire for service.

This past year the members of the Woman's Missionary Society the Girls' Missionary Guild and the Mission Band contributed through their Budget, \$1,818.52: they brought a Thank-offering of \$2,478.15 and gave \$628.00 for other special projects.

Now the important task which confronts us is the merger of the Woman's Missionary Society and the Evangelical Women's Union. At the merger convention held in Cleveland last November evidence was given that the women can work together. We realize that many adjustments will have to be made, but we hope and pray that in a friendly and co-operative spirit, we may forget selfish interests and work together in this larger task so that through fellowship with God and with one another we grow to render greater service in His Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS. A. R.) CLARA B. ACHTEMEIER  
President of the Woman's Missionary  
Society of the Synod of the N. W.

#### 16. REPORT ON STUDENT AID

The following report was adopted with the additional amendment: "That the present personnel of the Board continue indefinitely until some other satisfactory arrangements have been made."

To the Synod of the Northwest:

Your Board on Student Aid wishes to report as follows:

1. Students who received aid during the past year were:

Alfred Bodenman .....	\$ 75.00
Walter Odenbach .....	107.50
Harold Burt .....	107.50

Carl Ringer .....	107.50
Dilman Rodel .....	107.50
Calvin Stuebbe .....	65.00
Raymond Bobay .....	107.50
Robert C. Volkert .....	100.00
Melvin Schroer .....	75.00
Orville Schroer .....	150.00
Clifford Thaden .....	150.00
Armin Roemer .....	150.00
Henry Roemer .....	150.00
Harold Kratzat .....	150.00
Wilfred Burger .....	150.00

2. Each student received a third of the amount requested at the beginning of the first semester and upon filling out and signing a Mission House Bond he received the balance at the beginning of the second semester. These bonds are on file in the office of the Mission House.

3. For the coming year, fifteen applications have been received requesting the amount of \$1745.00. We recommend that the item of 15 cents per member be placed on our benevolent budget, and that our congregations be urged to continue their support by sending their contributions to our treasurer: Mr. Wm. Streblow, R. 1, Plymouth, Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. WORTHMAN

K. J. STUEBBE

C. WECKMUELLER

#### 17. REPORT ON PUBLICATION

The following report was adopted:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee has taken into consideration the following items:

1. Item from Blue Book covering the year 1939.
2. Some items from the Blue Book of General Synod, page 132.
3. Content of the address of Dr. C. F. Heyl.

It is with a feeling of gratification, that we hear that the Central Publishing House has again passed thru a successful year. In spite of the depression and critical times it had to pass thru in recent years, it has been able to reduce its total liabilities by almost \$60,000 since 1934, and during the past year alone has reduced its debt by \$9446.68, so that its net worth is now \$130,853.08, showing definitely the progress of the improvement of the financial condition of the Central Publishing House.

The constituent synods owning the C.P.H. have accepted the recommendations of General Synod's Committee of Twelve which looks forward to the General Synod taking over the publication interests of the Church, and the Board of Directors of C.P.H. are taking the necessary steps to transfer the ownership of the four constituent synods to General Synod.

**Beneficiary Education Fund Savings Account**

Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1939 .....	\$1096.76
Interest .....	19.38
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Transferred to general account .....	265.00
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Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1940 ..... \$ 851.14

Respectfully,

WM. STREBLOW, Treasurer

**4. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The following report was adopted:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Executive Board took care of all the business by circular letter. All business was confirmed in a short session Sept. 3rd, 1940.

1. All resolutions referred to the officers were carried out by the President, the Stated Clerk, and the Treasurer as may be seen from the circular letters attached to this report.

2. It is understood that Harvard Congregation has a special petition to Synod.

3. Since Brother H. K. Hartmann, our Stated Clerk, is unable to attend Synod, the Executive Board has appointed the Rev. Otto A. Menke, as Assistant Clerk. Brother Hartmann begs Synod to retain him as Stated Clerk.

4. Since Brother W. C. Deglow has suffered a slight stroke, the Rev. E. P. Nuss is doing the work of the Registrar.

5. There are no other recommendations from your Executive Board.

Respectfully yours,

F. W. KNATZ, President

H. K. HARTMANN, Stated Clerk

WM. STREBLOW, Treasurer

**5. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARCHIVES**

(Translation)

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest:

1. Your Committee has endeavored conscientiously to carry out the several items referred to them last year. It is gratifying that we are able to report, that since the completion of the administration building of the Mission House, the Archives of the Synod could be deposited in its fireproof vault. The administration of the Institution has been generous in giving us a proper place for the cases of our Archives. We owe our thanks to the Institution and would suggest that the delegates of the Synod may not overlook seeing the Archives in their new quarters, when they visit the Mission House.

2. We are informed that General Synod intends to gather and

preserve the archives of the various synods. We are not in possession of the content of that resolution, but we are of the opinion, that the archives of our Synod should remain in our hands until the final dissolution of the Synod of the Northwest. Only then, the disposal and transfer of the same to General Synod would be in order.

3. Your Committee can report, that it tried its best to sell the remaining volumes of the booklet "Geschichte der deutschen Synode des Nordwestens" at a reduced price. The booklet was offered for 15 cents and in larger quantities for 10 cents per copy. Thus we disposed of 35 copies. The money received amounted to \$4.75. We recommend that this money shall be used for the printing of the supplementary booklet. See page 20 in the minutes of the Synod of the Northwest, 1939.

4. In regard to this supplementary booklet we recommend the following:

The edition of a booklet of about 100 pages, 1000 copies. The Synod may decide whether in the German or English language. Selling price 25 cents. To every minister who serves a congregation 5 to 10 copies should be sent, that he may dispose of them.

Content of this booklet should be as follows:

1. Development of the Synod.
2. Institutions and activities of the Synod:
  - a. Mission House, 10 pages.
  - b. Home Missions, 8 pages.
  - c. Indian Mission, 8 pages.
  - d. Church Erection Funds, 5 pages.
  - e. Central Publishing House, 5 pages.
  - f. Education, 6 pages.
  - g. Ministerial Relief, 6 pages.
  - h. Orphans' Home, 5 pages.
  - i. Home for the Aged, 3 pages.
  - j. Stewardship, 4 pages.
  - k. Woman's Missionary Society, 3 pages.
  - l. Evangelism, 2 pages.
  - m. Men's League, 3 pages.
3. Miscellaneous.
4. Merger with the Evangelical Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. T. VRIESEN  
OTTO A. MENKE  
H. K. HARTMANN  
C. ARNHOELTER

*Action of Synod:*

Items 1, 2, 3, adopted.

Item 4 adopted. The language shall be English.

Additional adoption: That an excerpt of the earlier history of the Synod shall be added.

Then the report was adopted as a whole.

## ARTICLE VII

### Statement of the Executive Committee of General Synod

The statement of the Executive Board of General Synod was given to the delegates in the Blue Book, which was issued early in spring. Every delegate was asked to bring this book to Synod meeting.

In a special communication Dr. Wm. Lampe gave the decision of the Judicial Committee.

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## ARTICLE VIII

### Report of the Committees

#### 1. ON RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The following report was adopted:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Officers together with the Pastor and Elder of the Immanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church in Town Herman I, Wisconsin forming the Program Committee for this year's sessions of the Synod of the Northwest, herewith present the following program of Religious services for your approval:

Tuesday evening, Sept. 3rd, Opening Service of Synod, the Rev. O. A. Menke in charge, at the request of the Vice-President of Synod; and the President of Synod, the Rev. F. W. Knatz, D. D., preaching the sermon.

Wednesday morning, Sept. 4th, Devotion and Preparation for the Lord's Supper, meditation led by the Rev. E. L. Worthmann, D. D.

Wednesday evening, English Service. Subject: "Christian Education." Rev. H. G. Settlage, presiding. Address by the Rev. E. G. Krampe, D. D.

Thursday morning, Sept. 5th. Devotion and Celebration of the Lord's Supper. Liturgist the Rev. O. A. Menke; Sermon by the Rev. K. J. Stuebbe, D. D.

Thursday evening. English Service on "Missions." Presiding the Rev. Wilson Bixler; Sermon by the Rev. Edwin H. Vornholt.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee

F. W. KNATZ

H. K. HARTMAN

CLARENCE SCHMIDT

WILLIAM STREBLOW

RUDOLF REINECKING

2. The representatives of the various Boards were given an opportunity to address the Synod in behalf of their work. The contents of these addresses were referred to the proper committees.

1. Housefather Rev. A. Stienecker of the Fort Wayne Orphans' Home addressed the Synod in the interest of the Home.

2. Dr. Th. P. Bolliger addresed Synod on Home Missions.
3. Rev. Herman Schmid addressed Synod on the Home of the Aged.
4. Dr. Paul Grosshuesch addressed Synod in the interest of the Mission House.
5. Dr. Carl F. Heyl addressed Synod in the interest of the Central Publishing House. Opportunity to ask questions was given. Dr. Heyl answered several questions.

2. The Educational Conference was held on Thursday afternoon under the leadership of Dr. E. G. Krampe.

## **2. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SYNOD**

To the Honorable Northwest Synod:

I. Since the acts and the proceedings of the General Synod are not yet available, your Committee is not in a position to offer a complete report. It will, however, point out a few items merely as information, taken from the excerpts of minutes it possesses.

It will also report on two items, officially referred to it:

II. Two items from the General Synod, appeals against Northwest Synod, and

III. A communication from Eureka Classis.

### **1. General Information**

1. The new constitution was declared in effect as the basic law of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

2. a. Officers of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Pres., Rev. L. W. Goebel.

Vice-President, Rev. G. W. Richards.

Second Vice-President, Hon. D. J. Snyder.

Treasurer, Mr. F. A. Keck.

b. Officers of Board of special interest to the N. W. Synod.

Board of Business Management: Paul L. Leinbach, Paul C. Wagne,r David A. Miller, Paul Press, E. E. Leibner, F. W. Heuermann, members at large. Henry I. Stahr, W. H. Witte.

Board of Pensions and Relief: Silas P. Bittner, Harry N. Bassler, H. H. Wintermeyer, Orris W. Haulman, A. Dreusicke, Wm. H. Bollmann, John F. Ruehlman, A. Paul Gerhart, Fred G. Rapp, Edward Dirks.

Board of Directors of the Mission House: E. L. Worthman, Wm. H. Bollmann, L. D. Benner, W. H. Schlinkmann, A. Elshoff, A. C. Frantz, E. Bloemker, F. Koenigkraemer.

3. General Synod established the Church Pension Fund toward which the congregation or charge shall pay 5% of the annual salary of the minister, and the pastor shall pay three (3%) of his annual salary. The 5% paid by the congregation shall be equalized and the 3% paid by the pastor shall be allocated.

4. Anniversaries of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The 215th anniversary of the Reformed Church in the U. S., the 100th anniversary of the Evangelical Synod, and the 50th anniversary of the Hungarian work in America should be observed by proper celebrations. Suggestion will be offered by a committee for this purpose.

5. Mission House:

a. The request of the N. W. Synod asking General Synod to continue the Mission House was granted.

b. The Mission House is written into the general budget of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The budget specifies \$60,000 annually for this institution.

6. National Missions:

a. General Synod recommends that the Home Mission Board, and the Board of Church Erection continue to operate under the present charter. They shall be recognized as agencies of General Synod.

b. The Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church is authorized to liquidate its assets, and transfer its assets to the new Board of National Missions.

c. The income of loans repaid and interest received by the Board for Church Erection Fund of the Department of the Northwest and of the Church Extension Fund Board shall be transferred to the Department of Church Extension Fund Board of National Missions. This income is to be used primarily for new loans to Mission churches.

d. The \$120,000 debt of the "Evangelical Synod" and the \$150,000 debt of the "Ref. Home Mission Board" shall be united into a single debt reduction Fund, as an obligation of the whole church.

7. International Missions:

A new mission field shall be opened in either the Jenei area of Africa, among Dahomba people, or such a territory as seems expedient for the Board of International Missions.

8. Synodical Boundaries:

The following charges: Alma, Wisconsin, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, and Fountain City, Wisconsin, are now affiliated with the Northern Wisconsin Synod.

9. The Messenger:

a. The overture of the Northwest Synod concerning the printing of the Messenger at the Central Publishing House was referred to the Board of Business Management for consideration.

b. In view of the fact, that the Messenger is operating under a heavy loss, all Synods are admonished to promote a campaign for subscribers. The deficit of the Messenger amounted to \$18,213.22 in 1938, and \$16,224.22 in 1939.

9. Extra-Denominational Matters:

a. The Evangelical and Reformed Church joined the World Council of Churches.

b. General Synod went on record in giving its support to the

Federal Council of Churches in its opposition to the establishment of diplomatic relationship between the government of the United States and the Vatican State.

c. General Synod urges all congregations to participate in relief projects undertaken by Federal Council.

d. The General Synod gives its support to the Alliance of Reformed Churches, and an annual appropriation of \$989.50 to be paid out of the administration fund.

10. New Synods:

General Synod authorizes the General Council to establish the Dakota Synod, comprising South Dakota, Eureka, and West Canada Classes.

11. Book of Worship:

a. A copy of the Book of Worship was submitted to every delegate of General Synod, and pastors are encouraged to secure copies for suggestions and constructive criticism. The new Book of Worship is to be presented to the next General Synod for final approval.

b. The New Hymnal will soon be for sale at one dollar, if one hundred or more are ordered.

**II. Appeals of Northwest Synod**

Below is printed an exact copy of the report of the Judicial Committee in appeal against decision of Northwest Synod. See pages 32 and 33. 1. Rev. Emil Buehrer—Sheboygan Classis, and 2. Ursinus Classis.

(The Committee made a copy of the decisions of the Judicial Committee of General Synod. As this matter took so much time and space in our former deliberation, I shall give the whole text for information. H. K. H. Stated Clerk).

**Report of the Judicial Commission  
General Synod 1940**

To the General Synod:

The Judicial Commission of the General Synod met pursuant to the call of the Convener, Dr. E. C. Grauer, on June 24, 1940, in the annex of First Reformed Church of Lancaster, Pa. A quorum was present, namely: Dr. E. C. Grauer, Oswin Franz, Carl F. Heyl, F. C. Klick, Samuel E. Basehore, Warren C. M. Binckley, G. A. Sayres, Paul Schultz. All the other members of the Commission were excused for cause.

On motion, Dr. E. C. Grauer was elected chairman of the Commission, and Carl F. Heyl, secretary.

The case of Ursinus Classis versus the Synod of the Northwest was taken up first. The documents of this case were found in order. On motion, it was voted that the word "appeal" in the document of this case was construed to have the meaning "requests". The document was

read by the chairman. Rev. A. Kruetzmann and Julius Engelmann were recognized as the attorneys of Ursinus Classis, authorized by said Classis upon the removal out of the bounds of Classis of the attorney originally appointed. Rev. Kruetzmann was given the floor to present the case and to explain the situation as it obtains at the present time.

The attorneys of the Synod of the Northwest, Dr. F. W. Knatz and Dr. H. C. Nott, were then heard. After the attorneys had been excused, a full and careful discussion of all the arguments presented was entered into by the Commission, and the following verdict was unanimously adopted by the Commission:

We find that the principal contention of Ursinus Classis: That the two-thirds vote of the Classes and the Districts for the adoption of the new Constitution, and thereby the completion of the merger of the two denominations carries all the Classes and Districts into the merger, and that no individual congregation or Classis or District can now legally withdraw from the merger.

It is our decision, also that the other questions raised in connection with this case, concerning the method of procedure of Ursinus Classis are *now* untimely, and can not be decided by us from the evidence before us.

The case of the Sheboygan Classis versus the Synod of the Northwest was then taken up. This Classis appeals from an action of the Synod of the Northwest, setting aside a verdict of insubordination against the Rev. E. Buehrer by Sheboygan Classis. The documents in this case were found in order. The attorney for Sheboygan Classis, Dr. E. H. Wessler, was first heard and presented his arguments fully. The attorneys for the Synod of the Northwest, Dr. F. W. Knatz and Dr. H. C. Nott, were then given ample time to present their side of the appeal in defense of the action of the Synod of the Northwest, against which the appeal of Sheboygan Classis was lodged. Dr. Wessler was given some more time to clear up some points, and the attorneys of the Synod of the Northwest were also heard once more in answer to Dr. Wessler's statements.

After the attorneys in this case had been excused, the case was fully discussed by the members of your Commission, and the following verdict was unanimously adopted:

We find that Rev. E. Buehrer was duly called and summoned by Sheboygan Classis and received a fair hearing before that Classis; that said Classis found the Rev. E. Buehrer guilty of insubordination; that certain appeals against this decision were lodged with the Synod of the Northwest; that there were certain misunderstandings and irregularities in the appeals, which, however, did not materially change the finding of insubordination against Rev. Buehrer by the said Classis.

We therefore now find:

1. The Rev. E. Buehrer was duly found guilty of insubordination by Sheboygan Classis and suspended from the ministry of the Reformed Church in the United States, until the Rev. E. Buehrer shall present trustworthy evidence of repentance and reformation.

2. Your Commission recommends to General Synod that this action of said Classis be sustained, including the sentence of suspension as stated.

3. That the irregularities in the method of procedure were not of such a nature as to change the substantial justice of the action of Sheboygan Classis.

4. That therefore the appeal of Sheboygan Classis against the action of the Synod of the Northwest be fully sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. GRAUER, Chairman

CARL F. HEYL, Secretary

OSWIN FRANZ

F. C. KLICK

SAMUEL E. BASEHORE

WARREN C. M. BINCKLEY

G. A. SAYRES

PAUL SCHULTZ

### III. Eureka Classis

(The information, which the Stated Clerk of Eureka Classis, the Rev. W. Grossmann, forwarded to the Synod of the Northwest, is printed in the preamble of the Report on State of Church of the President.)

Declaration of Eureka Classis is taken care of by item I, 10, in this report; namely, that pastors and congregations of Eureka Classis are invited to constitute the Dakota Synod, in conjunction with the South Dakota Classis, and West Canada Classis.

Respectfully yours,

E. DEBUHR

W. STUCKEY

M. NELLEN

#### Action of Synod:

This report was adopted as a whole. New resolution was adopted, that the Synod of the Northwest requests the General Council of the United Church to provide an edition of the Hymnal without liturgical forms.

(To item III, Synod made a recommendation to Eureka Classis as can be found in the Report on Synod. Since the printed minutes of General Synod appeared in print and were forwarded to the pastors, the decision of General Synod can be found on page 316, item 5, Minutes of Gen. Synod 1940. This for information. H. K. H. Stated Clerk).

### 3. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNOD

DEAR BRETHREN: In the synodical proceedings of last year the following items require the attention of your Synod. They are in regular order as follows:

#### I. Recommendations and References to Classes.

1. Synod recommended all the various branches of our church

work to the Classes for energetic support. The actions are contained in the reports of the different committees, pages 84 to 113.

N.B. The Committee on Classes must report about the actions of Classes.

II. Instructions to Officers and Miscellaneous.

1. Page 63. Committee on Archives shall report about printing of historical sketch since the time of the last history.

2. Page 67. a. Tabled until next year (1940). Synod shall meet as a delegated body.

b. Classes shall vote about the rate of representation.

c. Stated Clerk shall inform Classes about the rate of representation.

3. Page 76. Stated Clerk is authorized to make correction.

4. Page 83. The Rev. John Bodenman is urged to continue his work among the Brethren of Reformed Faith in the Ukraine.

5. Page 84. Stated Clerk shall answer letters to students.

6. Page 100. Special Committee IV., Rev. H. C. Nott, D. D., Chairman, shall report about item I, 7, to Synod. (Report on Missions.)

7. Page 109. The Committee on Evangelism shall be retained and report next year about the un-Christian Weekenders.

8. Page 116. The President shall express the thanks of Synod to Reformed Kiel Congregation.

9. Page 117. Stated Clerk shall write letter of condolence.

10. Page 117. Executive Board shall decide about time and place of next meeting, also entertainment fees.

Respectfully submitted,

H. K. HARTMANN

A. O. ENGELMANN

ELDER JOHN F. NUSS

Action of Synod:

I. 1. Tabled until after the report on Minutes of Classes, then taken up and recorded: Attended to.

II. 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10, attended to.

2. Tabled until after the report on Minutes of Classes, then taken up and recorded: Attended to.

4. Rev. John Bodenman reported verbally that nothing had been done on account of world condition. Then the motion was adopted: To express to Rev. J. Bodenman hearty thanks for his effort.

6. The Committee reported as follows, which report was adopted:

Report of the Special Committee IV, of 1939. (See page 10 in the Acts and Proceedings of the Synod of the Northwest 1939).

To the Rev. Synod of the Northwest:

DEAR BRETHREN: After careful deliberation your Committee suggests that the first sentence in item 7, Report on Home Missions (page 98) be adopted. This item reads as follows: "With respect to the great importance of Home Missions for our Confession and Church, we recommend, that in the Mission House, which was founded within our boundaries for the purpose of educating ministers for missionary work, a new energetic attempt be made to train the students and prospective pastors for missionary work."

It is obvious that the last sentence in item 7 would constitute discriminative legislation against theological students from the Mission House who would be tempted to go to some other seminaries rather than bind themselves to such a compulsion. This sentence reads as follows: "It should become their duty to do at least two years of missionary work before they accept a self-supporting congregation."

Therefore your Committee recommends that this last sentence be deleted from the resolution presented by the Committee on Home Missions in 1939.

Respectfully submitted,  
HENRY C. NOTT  
R. RETTIG  
HERBERT A. KRANSKA

7. Reported through Clarence L. Schmidt.  
The report reads as follows and was adopted:

**Committee on Unchristian Week-enders**

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee is laboring under difficulties due to the fact that none of your Committee has had any experience with so-called "week-enders," nor is any information available.

Your committee feels that it is hardly possible to discuss ways and means of approaching any specific situations, since every situation must be met on its own merits. For any specific help we recommend that communication be made to the Board of National Missions, under whose particular jurisdiction this matter falls.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Committee  
C. L. SCHMIDT  
ALVIN O. ENGELMANN  
GEO. KOENIG

Then the report was adopted as a whole.

**4. COMMITTEE ON CLASSES**

To the Synod of the Northwest:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee examined the minutes of the various Classes and the following items are brought to the attention of Synod:

**I. Things Censurable**

1. Milwaukee Classis confirms the call to Rev. Walter Harrell and installs him as pastor of the Reeseville charge but does not state the date of installation.
2. Minnesota Classis hears the report of the informant on Ministerial Relief but takes no action on said report.
3. In Minnesota Classis the Press Committee presents its report unsigned and Classis fails to act on it. Likewise there was no action taken on report of Kingdom Service Board.
4. Ursinus Classis takes no action on report of Committee on Examination and Licensure.
5. Portland-Oregon Classis receives Rev. A. A. Graf but does not state where he comes from.
6. Eureka Classis fails to submit minutes of its session.

**II. Licensure, Ordination, Reception, and Dismissal**

1. *Sheboygan Classis.*
  - a. Permits Student Ralph Ley to be examined by South West Ohio Classis, Ohio Synod; receives Lic. Ralph Ley from the South West Ohio Classis, Ohio Synod, confirms his call and installs him as pastor of Salem-Ebenezer congregation in Town Newton, Wisconsin.
  - b. Receives Rev. K. J. Stuebbe, D. D., from South Dakota Classis, Synod of the Northwest, confirms his call and installs him as pastor of Salem Ebenezer congregation in Town Newton, Wisconsin.
  - c. Confirms the call and installs Rev. Orvil Egbert as pastor of the Oshkosh-Black Wolf charge.
  - d. Receives Rev. A. Ruehlman from Missouri-Kansas Classis, Midwest Synod.
  - e. Receives Mr. Clifford Theden as student for the ministry.
  - f. Receives Walter Odenbach from the Eureka Classis, Synod of the Northwest, examines him and Mr. Carl Ringer and licenses them to preach.
2. *Milwaukee Classis*
  - a. Dissolves pastoral relation between the Rev. Carl Flueckinger and Belleville charge, approves his call and installs him as pastor of the Wayne charge.
  - b. Licenses and ordains student Harvey Norenberg; confirms his call and installs him as pastor of the Belleville charge.
  - c. Ordains Clarence Koehler and dismisses him to Ursinus Classis, Synod of the Northwest.
  - d. Confirms the call of Rev. Walter Harrell and installs him as pastor of Reeseville charge.
3. *Minnesota Classis*
  - a. Having been informed that Rev. Jason Hoffman has been re-

ceived by Kansas District, Classis considers him dismissed through action of Northern Synod.

b. Receives Rev. Harvey Burkett from Nebraska Classis, Synod of the Northwest, confirms call and installs him as pastor of the Trinity Reformed Church, Wabasha, Minnesota.

4. *Ursinus Classis*

a. Receives Rev. Clarence Koehler from Milwaukee Classis, Synod of the Northwest, confirms call and installs him as pastor of St. Paul's congregation, Wheatland, Iowa.

5. *South Dakota Classis*

a. Receives Rev. B. M. Fresenborg from the Pacific Northwest Synod, confirms call and installs him as pastor of the Delmont charge.

b. Dismisses Rev. J. Bodenman to the Eureka Classis, Synod of the Northwest.

c. Dissolves pastoral relation between Rev. Wm. Korn and the Alpena-Miller charge, confirms call and installs him as pastor of the Kassel charge.

6. *Portland-Oregon Classis*

a. Receives Rev. A. A. Graf, confirms call and installs him as pastor of St. John's congregation, Tillamook, Oregon.

7. *California Classis*

a. Receives Mr. Norio Osaki, examines him and grants license to preach.

b. Receives Dr. G. A. Snyder from Northeast Ohio Classis, Ohio Synod.

8. *Nebraska Classis*

a. Dismisses Rev. H. Burkett to Minnesota Classis, Synod of the Northwest. (Inserted by Stated Clerk)

**III. Requests and References**

1. Milwaukee Classis calls attention to the refusal of the New Berlin Congregation to join the merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and holds itself aloof from Milwaukee Classis and the South Wisconsin Synod and states that this matter be referred to General Synod with the request for proper action.

2. Minnesota Classis adopts following resolution: "That Minnesota Classis overtures Northwest Synod asking, that said Synod take steps to suspend its annual meetings, similar to those taken by Ohio and Midwest Synods.

3. Ursinus Classis requests the meaning of item 3, page 67. The item reads: "That the delegates together with the officers of the Synod shall represent the Synod of the Northwest." Note in minutes of Classis: "In this item officers and delegates are kept separate, and it is not clear if the officers are included in the delegates or are extra."

**Time and Place of Meeting of Classes, Names of Officers, etc.**

1. *Sheboygan Classis*

Time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee.  
President: Rev. John Scheib, 218 Sixth Street, Kaukauna, Wis.  
Stated Clerk: Rev. O. A. Menke, R. 1., Plymouth, Wisconsin.  
Treasurer: Rev. A. C. Plappert, R. 3., Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

2. *Milwaukee Classis*

Time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee.  
President: Rev. Paul Olm, Fredonia, Wisconsin.  
Stated Clerk: Rev. George Grether, Sauk City, Wisconsin.  
Treasurer: Rev. L. A. Moser, Lowell, Wisconsin.

3. *Minnesota Classis*

Time and meeting to be determined by the Executive Committee.  
President: Rev. Walter Stuckey, 1121 Market Street, La Crosse,  
Wisconsin.  
Stated Clerk: Rev. E. Opperman, R. 1., Norwood, Minnesota.  
Treasurer: Rev. Calvin Grosshuesch, Klemme, Iowa.

4. *Nebraska Classis*

Time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee.  
President: Rev. Paul Traeger, Ph.D., Sutton, Nebraska.  
Stated Clerk: Rev. C. W. Deglow, R. 4., Columbus, Nebraska.  
Treasurer: George Pauley, R. Harvard, Nebraska.

5. *Ursinus Classis*

Time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee.  
President: Rev. J. Seidler, Melborne, Iowa.  
Stated Clerk: Rev. O. J. Engelmann, Alta, Iowa.  
Treasurer: Mr. G. Matzinger, Huxley, Iowa.

6. *South Dakota Classis*

Time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee.  
President: Rev. U. Zogg, Scotland, South Dakota.  
Stated Clerk: Rev. A. Kurtz, Marion, South Dakota.  
Treasurer: Rev. A. Kurtz, Marion, South Dakota.

7. *Portland-Oregon Classis*

No resolution adopted regarding the time and place of next  
meeting.  
President: Rev. I. C. Nace, 3143 N.E. 62nd Avenue, Portland,  
Oregon.  
Stated Clerk: Rev. E. Wyss, R. 1., Box 1256A, Portland, Oregon.  
Treasurer not mentioned.

8. *West Canada Classis*

Time of meeting: 2nd Wednesday in June, 1941.  
Place: Brown, Manitoba, Canada.  
President: Rev. C. H. Reppert, Stony Plain, Alta., Canada.  
Stated Clerk: Rev. J. F. Krieger, Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.,  
Canada.

Treasurer: Mr. Andrew Unterschuetz, Fort Saskatchewan,  
Alta., Canada.

9. *California Classis*

Time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee.  
President: Rev. E. F. Enevemyer, 464 South Palm Drive, Bev-  
erly Hills, California.

Stated Clerk: Rev. R. Birk, 232 S. Pleasant Ave. Lodi, Calif.  
Treasurer: Mr. John Mettler, Jr., 704 W. Elm St., Lodi, Calif.

10. *Eureka Classis*

No information.

**V. Miscellaneous**

1. Eureka Classis fails to submit minutes of its meeting. A res-  
olution has been received wherein the Classis resolves and declares  
that it shall continue to function as the legally constituted Reformed  
Church in the United States.

2. Ursinus Classis rejects censure of Synod. Quotation from  
page 15, 4: "We recommend to reject censure because according to  
statement of chairman of the committee on Archives, seal was affixed:  
'I have looked into the minutes of Ursinus Classis, 1939, and find that  
the seal of Classis was attached as prescribed by the constitution.'"

3. Ursinus Classis calls Synod's attention to its error in the  
minutes: Quotation from page 16, 5b: "The salary promised by the  
Wheatland congregation was not below the minimum, but the minimum."

4. South Dakota Classis does not accept censure of the Synod for  
not designating bar of the house at the last session. The bar of the  
house was announced: Quote: "As Bar of the House the first 6 rows of  
pews were assigned."

5. Ursinus Classis appoints a committee to compile a history of  
said Classis.

6. Minnesota Classis announces that it will observe its 75th  
anniversary at the session with a special service.

7. Ursinus and California Classis take no action on the General  
Synodical Emergency Fund of \$1.00—per 100 members. All other  
Classes took favorable action on this item.

8. The item of Synod session after 1940 is to be a delegated Synod.  
Favorable: Sheboygan Classis, Minnesota Classis, Ursinus Classis,  
South Dakota Classis; Milwaukee Classis tables item; California Classis  
leaves it to its Executive Committee; West Canada takes no action,  
Minnesota Classis overtures Synod to suspend its annual meetings.

9. The item of representation at a delegated synod meeting, Min-  
isters 1 to 10, Elders 1 to 10: California leaves this to Executive Com-  
mittee; West Canada Classis takes no action; all the others favor this  
resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee:

E. L. WORTHMAN

C. L. SCHMIDT

ARTHUR MAUK

*Action of Synod:*

Items I. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, adopted.

6. Synod requests Eureka Classis prayerfully to reconsider its action.

Items II. all items were considered and notice was taken of each individually.

Items III. 1. Notice taken.

2. Tabled until item V. 8 of this report was under consideration then taken up and referred to Special Committee II.

3. The Interpretation of Synod of the last last year's resolution is as follows: A delegated Synod shall consist of the elected delegates plus the officers of Synod.

Items IV. Each item was considered and notice taken.

Items V. 1. We refer the Classis to the action of General Synod.

2, 3, 4. The Synod stands corrected.

5, 6, 7. Notice taken.

8, 9. A Special Committee II shall be appointed, to which these two items, together with the other items referring to this matter, be submitted and this committee be authorized to prepare a proper resolution taking care of the necessary details so that hereafter Northwest Synod meets as a delegated body.

**Report of Special Committee II**

This report was adopted by Synod as follows:

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest:

DEAR BRETHREN: The following items were referred to your Committee:

1. Item V, 8 and 9, Committee on Classes.
2. Item II, 3, Committee on Classes.
3. Item 6, Committee on Overture.
4. Item Report on Synod, item concerning the question of future meetings of Synod.

The Committee has consulted with official representatives of institutions and boards in which our Synod holds definite interest. All state that it will not be necessary for this Synod to conduct further meetings as far as the welfare of these interests are concerned.

**WE RECOMMEND:**

1. That overture 6 No. 3, requesting that the Synod of the Northwest no longer meet in general convention, and only if necessary as a delegate body, be granted.

2. That the Executive Committee of Synod be empowered to determine the necessity of any further meeting, and transact any item of business in the name of the Synod, which it can properly attend to.

3. The Basis of representation shall be one minister and one elder to each 10 ministers or fraction thereof as approved by  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the Classes.

The adoption of these items will take care of all items referred to your committee.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN GROSSHUESCH

CARL FLUECKINGER

ALBERT A. SCHMIDT

### 5. COMMITTEE ON OVERTURES

(Translation)

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest:

To your Committee on Overtures the following documents were submitted:

1. A communication from the Stated Clerk of General Synod with the copy of the report of the Judicial Committee.

2. Report of the Home for the Aged.

3. An information from Eureka Classis. (See in the preamble of the report: State of Church).

4. a. and b. Two communications from Dr. E. H. Wessler.

5. A request from Minnesota Classis, concerning Synod meeting in the future.

6. A request from the Swiss Evangelical and Reformed Church in New Glarus. The same as under 5.

7. A petition from Zion's Reformed Church in Harvard, Nebraska. To grant release of the loan of \$350.

8. Overture from the Rev. John Bodenman and of Rev. O. Hoffner. Concerning traveling expenses and status of the brethren in Eureka Classis.

Respectfully,

H. R. BURKETT

A. GEO. SCHMID

JOHN HAUCK

#### Action of Synod:

Item 1. Referred to Committee on General Synod.

2. Referred to Committee on Benevolent Institutions.

3. Document was read and referred to Committee on General Synod.

4. a and b. Report adopted. Synod extends its thanks to Rev. Wessler. The expenses have been paid by the treasurer.

Item 4. b. may interest Synod. It reads as follows:

Sheboygan, Wisconsin, May 15, 1940.

DEAR BROTHER HARTMANN: I have made, what I hope, is my last trip in regard to this Synodical Equities matter of Northwest Synod.

In view of the impending discontinuance of the synods that own the institution, the present personnel of the board was continued until the new constitution was declared in full effect by General Synod in Lancaster.

We recommend:

1. The Synod of the Northwest expresses its appreciation and thanks to the business manager, Mr. P. Wetzel, the Board of Directors, and to all connected with the management of the institution for all their faithful work and devotion during these years of difficulty.
2. The Synod of the Northwest, wishing to carry out the request of the Board of Directors of the C.P.H., most heartily desires that our congregations preserve the loyalty and continue their support of our C.P.H. in their new Synodical connection in order that the blessed work of this institution of our Church may be continued for many years to come.
3. We recommend, that Synod of the Northwest respectfully requests the "R" congregations of the new Synods to lay an apportionment of 3 cents for the C.P.H. to help the same to pay the annuity interest for another year or two, after which the House hopes to dispense with this help.
4. The Board of Directors of C.P.H. feels that all the printing and publications of the Church should be equitably distributed between the two printing establishments, Eden and Central, and this Synod concurs in that wish.
5. We recommend the Kirchenzeitung to all members who prefer the German language. In congregations where German services are rarely held or have been discontinued, the Kirchenzeitung serves a special purpose for older members.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN SCHMID  
CALVIN GROSSHUESCH  
Elder WM. KLATT

#### 18 and 19. REPORT ON NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION

The Committee on Nominations reported at the proper time. The report was adopted and the Committee was instructed to prepare the ballots. At the election the members of the Committee served as tellers.

The following report was adopted:

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your Committee makes the following Nominations:

Board of Home Missions, Department of the Northwest: Rev. A. Geo. Schmid, Rev. Elmer Jaberg.

Orphans' Home: Elder John Dick, Elder Arnold Hoker.

Christian Education: Rev. E. H. Wessler, D. D., Rev. C. O. Schroer.

Home for the Aged: Elder Wm. Rodenwald, Elder Wm. Werneck.

The election resulted in a majority of votes cast as follows:  
Board of Home Missions, Dept. of the N.W.: Rev. A. Geo. Schmid.  
Orphans' Home: Elder John Dick.  
Christian Education: Rev. E. H. Wessler, D. D.  
Home for the Aged: Elder Wm. Wernecke.

Respectfully submitted,

V. O. GROSSHUESCH	G. E. ROBINSON
E. H. OPPERMAN	C. H. RIEDESEL
C. D. MAURER	HENRY F. METTLER
W. E. KORN	ARMIN H. TENDICK

#### 20. A) REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCES

The following report was adopted item by item with the foot notes, and as whole:

A. To the Reverend Synod of the Northwest:

DEAR BRETHREN: The following items were referred to your Committee:

1. Report of the Treasurer of the Synod.
2. The Treasurer's Account Book, Vouchers and Bank Book.
3. Item 4a and b, Expenses for Dr. Wessler.  
(The expenses were paid by the treasurer as soon as Dr. Wessler came back from his journey. Rem. of H. K. H.).
4. Petition of Zion's Reformed Church, Harvard, Nebraska, to be released from its notes ammounting to \$350.00.
5. Three Notes of said Congregation, concerning a loan of \$350.00.
6. Two communications in matter of said loan.
7. Overture No. 8, Traveling expenses, Rev. Bodenman and Rev. Hoffner.
8. Report on mileage.

Your Committee begs leave to report as follows:

1. We have audited the Treasurer's report, books, and vouchers and have found them correct. We recommend adoption of the report.
2. We call Synod's attention to the following arrearages in Synodical Contingent:

Sheboygan Classis .....	\$ 105.84	*
Portland-Oregon Classis .....	118.08	**
West Canada Classis .....	109.32	***
Eureka Classis .....	224.52	
		_____
		\$ 557.76

Your Committee desires to recommend for adoption:

3. That Synod release the Zion's congregation in Harvard, Nebraska, of the debt of \$350—and return their notes.

\* Has been paid since the Treasurer's Report was submitted

\*\* No delegates present at this meeting of Synod.

\*\*\* Non-payment caused by difficulty to transmit monies from Canada to the United States.

4. In regard to the petition of Rev. John Bodenman and Elder Jacob Krein, and Rev. Otto Hoffner, concerning payment of their traveling expenses to Synod, we recommend that Synod pay these expenses; and moreover that we ask such congregations of Eureka Classis which desire their constitutional status in the Synod of the Northwest, to pay their synodical contingent direct to the Treasurer of Synod in the event that the Eureka Classis refuses to transmit such contingent.

5. That Synod levy a contingent of 5 cents per communicant member for the ensuing synodical year, which contingent is to be based upon the membership as reported last year (1939).

This amounts to the sum of \$1,386.75, which apportioned to the Classes is as follows:

Sheboygan Classis .....	8382	Members	\$ 419.10
Milwaukee Classis .....	6145	"	307.25
Minnesota Classis .....	3572	"	178.60
Nebraska Classis .....	1112	"	55.60
Ursinus Classis .....	2037	"	101.85
South Dakota Classis .....	1985	"	99.25
Portland-Oregon Classis .....	984	"	49.20
West Canada Classis .....	911	"	45.55
Eureka Classis .....	1871	"	93.55
California Classis .....	736	"	36.80
			<hr/> \$1,386.75

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS A. MOSER  
B. M. FRESENBORG  
J. W. GROSSHUESCH  
HENRY TREICK

#### B) COMMITTEE ON TRAVELING EXPENSES (Mileage)

The following report was accepted and the Treasurer authorized to pay the mileage expenses.

(N.B. Wherever no remark is made, the delegates came by automobile; if delegates came by train, there will be an "R.R." after their names.)

##### I. Sheboygan Classis

Pastors	Miles	Amount	Pastors	Miles	Amount
O. Egbert	53	\$ 1.06	K. J. Stuebbe	18	.72
Ed. P. Nuss	16	.64	V. Walenta	10	.40
J. C. Rosenau	30	1.20	Ralph Ley	60	2.40
V. O. Grosshuesch	67	2.68	Elders:		
John Scheib	45	1.80	Wm. Redeker	160	6.40
H. G. Schmid	13	.52	Henry Schoenfeld	13	.26
W. M. Bixler	185	3.70	H. Neuhaus	190	3.80
P. Franzmeier	190	7.60	Richard Schaefer	71	2.84
E. L. Henning	30	1.20	Arthur Stock	28	1.12
E. G. Krampe	13	.26	H. Kalk	30	1.20
A. C. Fischer	28	.56	H. Kanske	15	.60
O. R. Gerber	165	6.60	Henry Treick	18	.72
E. G. Pfeiffer	200	8.00			
J. Gatermann	633	25.32			<hr/> \$81.60

II. *Milwaukee Classis*

Pastors	Miles	Amount	Elders	
H. Norenberg	130	\$ 5.20	H. C. Nott	138 2.76
John Mohr	35	.70	F. W. Lemke	65 1.30
L. A. Moser	58	3.12	F. W. Knatz	105 2.10
H. Lehman	116	4.64	H. G. Settlage	65 2.60
Richard Rettig	132	5.28	Geo. Grether	75 1.50
F. Settlage	125	5.00	Elders:	120 4.80
W. Harrell	80	3.20	C. Weekmueller	65 1.30
Wm. Oelrich	70	1.40	Peter Senn	35 1.40
G. Robinson	87	3.48	A. J. Detweiler	
Paul Olm	35	1.40		2.32
C. Flueckinger	42	1.68		
				\$55.18

III. *Minnesota Classis*

Pastors:		Elders:	
A. Krueger	340	13.60	Wm. Egger
E. H. Opperman	385	8.60*	F. Duvel
R. R. Burkett	210	5.80§	Geo. Hermann
W. J. Stuckey	210	8.40	Albert Schmidt
E. DeBuhr	255	10.20	J. J. Wampfler
Cal. Grosshuesch	397	15.88	Aug. Becker
Melvin Wittmer	240	9.60	John Schams
Ed. Mohr	240	4.80	Mike Nellan
Edw. Vornholt	300	12.00**	
W. Baumgartner	285	11.40	
Esra Vornholt		8.00**	
			\$178.56

IV. *Nebraska Classis*

Pastors:		Elders:	
C. H. Riedesel	696	13.92	Wm. Langenberg
A. O. Engelmann	660	18.90	Geo. Pauley
			\$91.56

V. *Ursinus Classis*

Pastors:		Elders:	
Arthur Kruetzmann	413	8.26	Val. Accola
Armin Tendick	238	4.76	Wm. J. Klatt
John Schlamp	330	13.20	Wm. Maurer
John Seidler	370	14.80	A. Hoker
Clarence Koehler	275	5.50	
Willard Sherman	525	21.00	
O. J. Engelmann		20.25**	
			\$154.19

VI. *South Dakota Classis*

Pastors:		Elders:	
W. Korn	600	24.00	John Hauck
A. Kurtz	584	11.68	Daniel Mehlhaff
E. Kaempchen	600	24.00	Christ. Handel
B. Fresenborg		18.00**	E. Auch
W. Odenbach	645	25.80	Albert Grosshuesch
A. Funck		15.44**	
			\$206.22

VII. *West Canada Classis*

Pastors	Miles	Amount
C. D. Maurer		30.00‡
		\$30.00

\* D. and P.

§ R. R. and auto.

\*\* R. R.

VIII. *Eureka Classis*

Pastors:		Elder:	
Otto Hoffner	614	28.16¶	Jacob Krein
John Bodenman	745	29.80	
			745 14.90
			<hr/> \$72.86

IX. *California Classis*

Pastor:			
Robert Klaudt		44.30**	
Elder:			<hr/> \$123.30
H. Mettler		79.00**	<hr/> \$993.47

¶ R. R. Special resolution of Synod.  
¶ Part R. R.  
\*\* R. R.

**J. SEIDLER**  
**W. BAUMGARTNER**  
**F. W. DUVEL**

*Action of Synod:*

The report was accepted and it was resolved: "That we withhold the payment to members of those Classes, which are delinquent until Finance Committee reported."

**C) ELECTION OF THE TREASURER**

The election of the Treasurer was the order of the day immediately after the adoption of the report on Finances. The Stated Clerk pro. temp., the Rev. O. A. Menke, was instructed to cast the vote for Mr. Wm. Streblow as treasurer. Mr. Wm. Streblow was elected.

**21. REPORT ON PUBLICITY (Press Report)**

The following report was adopted:

The chairman of the Press Committee reported that their work was being taken care of.

**22. COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE (Excuses)**

The following report was adopted and the report was referred to the Committee on Mileage.

To the Honorable Northwest Synod.

DEAR BRETHREN: The Committee on Excuses presents to you the following report of pastors and elders excused from all or in part of the meeting of Synod:

*I. Sheboygan Classis*

Pastors: of all sessions: Th. Blaufuss, B. Stucki; part sessions: Dr. J. Bauer, A. Ruehlman, V. Walenta, A. C. Fischer, J. Rosenau, K. J. Stuebbe, Dr. Ernst, J. W. Grosshuesch, J. M. Bauer, J. Scheib, J. Gatermann.

Elders: of all sessions: R. Schafer, H. F. Schroeder, R. Matson, F. Stockmeier, F. Stelloh, Chilton, Greenwood City; part session: C. Reinke, H. Kanske, Wm. Zeinemann, Hugo Kelk, F. Decker, R. Schmith, H. Rietbrock, H. Druecker, Carl Knoener.

II. *Milwaukee Classis*

Pastors: of all sessions: A. Achtermeier, C. M. Zenk; part sessions: R. Rettig, Dr. H. C. Nott, F. Settlage, H. Settlage, H. Lehman, Paul Olm, C. Flueckinger, T. P. Bolliger.

Elders: all sessions: Dr. Thiel, H. Blumer, O. Giegax, A. Martz, C. Becker, F. Vocks, F. Hohenberger; part sessions: A. Dettweiler, P. Senn.

III. *Minnesota Classis*

Elders: Henry Florin, Alb. Schmidt, J. Schams, all sessions.

IV. *Nebraska Classis*

Pastors: All sessions: H. K. Hartmann, C. W. Deglow, Elder O. J. Griess.

V. *Ursinus Classis*

All sessions: Elder W. Burrichter.

VI. *South Dakota Classis*

Pastor: Part session: A. Kurtz, Elders A. Grosshuesch, D. Mehlhaff.

VII. *California Classis*

All elders and pastors are excused through an official letter by the Stated Clerk, Rev. A. Birk, who did not attend Synod meeting.

VIII. *West Canada Classis*

Pastor: J. F. Krieger, all sessions, also the elders: F. Becker and A. Schneider.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. NUSS  
H. E. NORENBERG  
GEO. PAULEY

23. **REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS**

The following report was adopted:

To the Reverend Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: It was with particular pleasure that the members of the Synod of the Northwest received the announcement that the meeting of the Synod this year was to be held in Immanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church of Town Herman, Wisconsin.

To many of the members of the Synod this affords an opportunity for them to renew their acquaintances and associations with the Mission House and the members of the Immanuel Evangelical and Reformed Church.

It was becoming quite evident that this was the last meeting of the Synod of the Northwest in general convention, and it is eminently fitting and appropriate that this meeting be held at the fountain-head of much of the work of the Synod.

It was a blessed experience for the Synod to have had the privilege of meeting with members of Immanuel congregation. It has brought much blessing to body, mind, and soul.

Therefore your committee respectfully recommends the following expression of thanks:

First, to the Rev. Clarence Schmidt, the pastor of Immanuel Church, to the consistory, the ladies of the congregation, the choir and directress, and the members of the congregation our sincerest appreciation and thanks for their gracious hospitality.

Second, to the executive officers of the Synod, and the brethren who assisted in the worship services for the contribution to the pleasure and success of the Synod.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be placed in the hands of the Rev. Clarence Schmidt, with the request that they be read to the congregation at the next regular service of worship as the Synod's expression of gratitude for the privileges enjoyed at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. MOHR

A. KRUETZMANN

ALBERT C. SCHMIDT

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## ARTICLE IX

### 1. Report of the Judicial Committee

The Committee reported orally that no work was referred to the committee.

This report was adopted.

### 2. Various Resolutions

1. The President shall write to Rev. C. W. Deglow and Rev. A. A. Depping and express the sincere sympathy of Synod to the brethren who are afflicted by sickness:

2. Synod resolved to meet on Thursday at 6:30 p. m. to finish the business.

3. Time and place of next meeting has been decided by a former decision.

4. The minutes shall be printed in the English language only.

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## ARTICLE X

### Adjournment

At the opening of every business session the minutes of the previous session were read, corrected, and adopted.

After all the business was finished, the last registration took place. A quorum was present.

Then the minutes of the last day were read, corrected, and adopted. After that the minutes were adopted as a whole.

The motion to adjourn was entertained and adopted. Synod adjourned in the manner prescribed by the constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, Thursday, Sept. 5, 1940, at 7:10 P.M., repeating in unison the Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer, singing the doxology after the benediction by the President, F. W. Knatz, D.D.

Then the President declared the Synod of the Northwest adjourned *sine die* to meet again as a delegated body upon the call of the Executive Committee of the Synod of the Northwest.

F. W. KNATZ, *President*  
O. A. MENKE, *Secretary pro tempore*  
H. K. HARTMANN, *Stated Clerk*

For true and correct copy of all reports and for true and correct translation of the reports handed in in the German language:

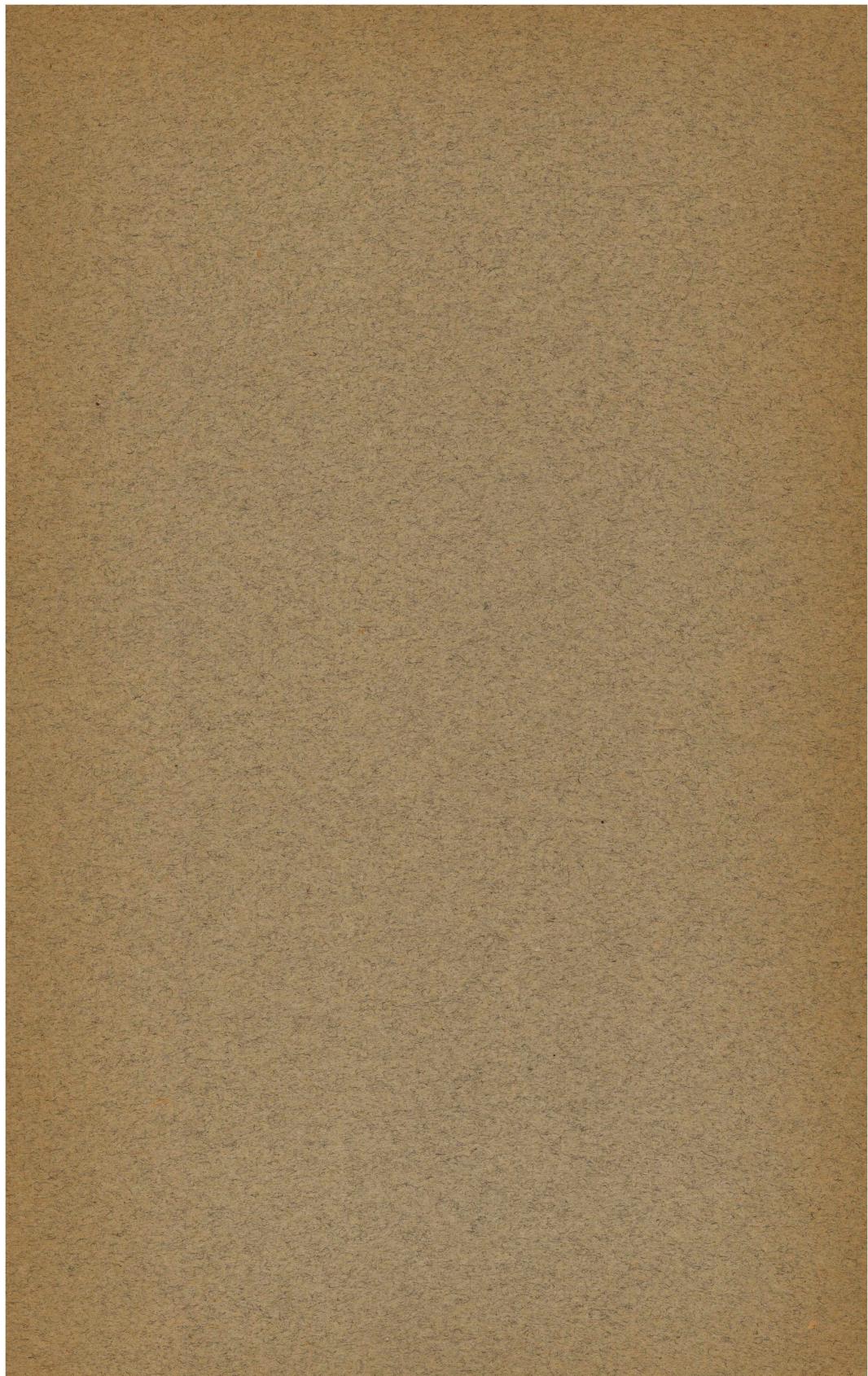
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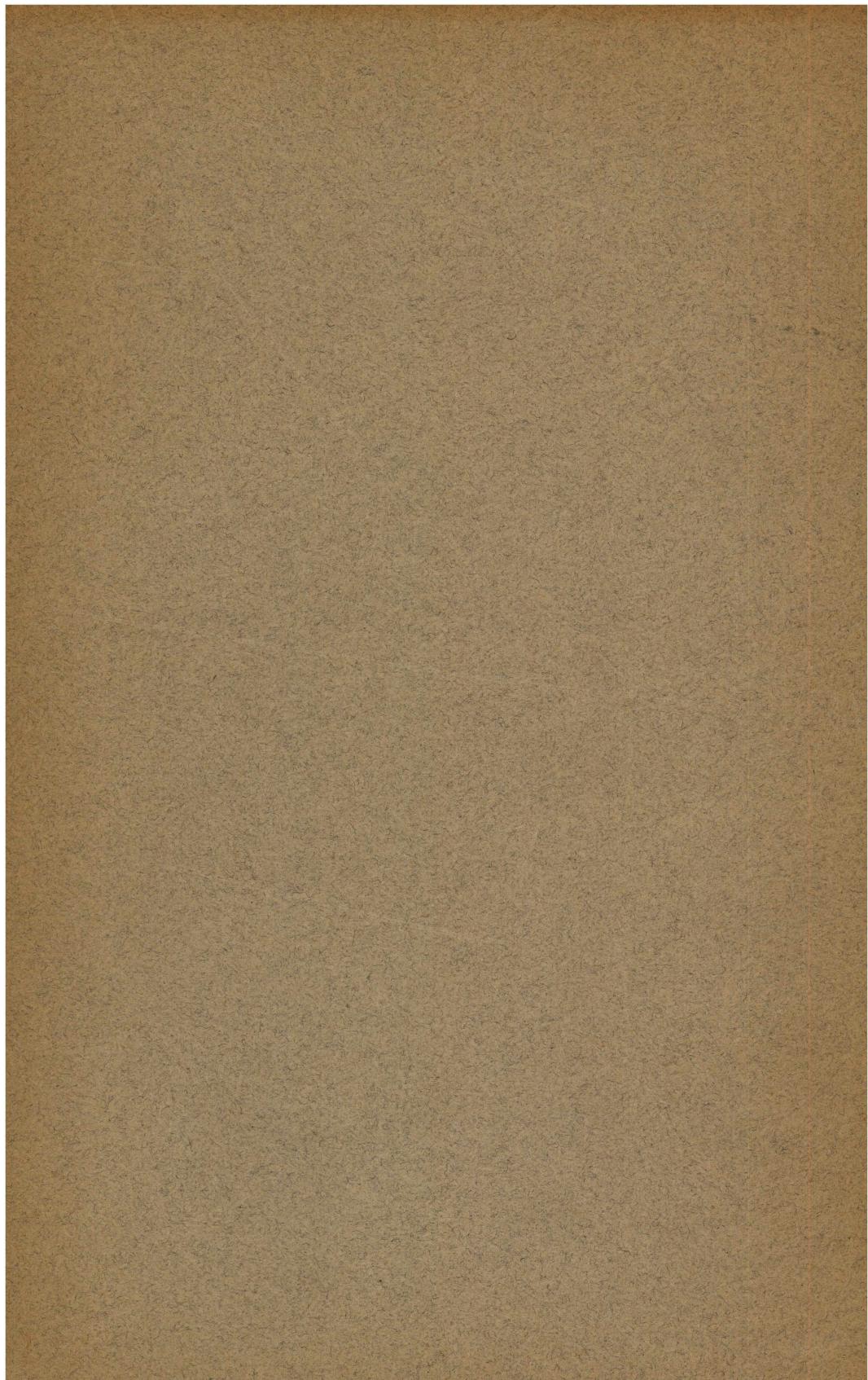
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Meetings of the Synod of the Northwest with Time and Place

Time	Place	President	Treasurer	Stated Clerk
1867 28. Mai	St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind.	M. Stern	J. W. Brown	J. H. Klein
1868 14. Mai	I. Gem., Indianapodis, Ind.	M. Stern	"	"
1869 20. Mai	Howards Grove, Wis.	M. Stern	"	"
1869 23. Nov.	Crestline, Ohio	Spezialsitzung	"	"
1870 9. Juni	Chicago, Illinois	P. Greding	"	C. Schaaf
1871 1. Juni	I. Gem., Cleveland, Ohio	J. H. Klein	"	"
1872 23. Mai	Galion, Ohio	J. H. Klein	"	"
1873 6. Juni	I. Gem., Indianapolis, Ind.	H. A. Muehlmeier	"	"
1874 1. Apr.	Sandusky, Ohio	H. A. Muehlmeier	"	"
1875 28. Mai	Zions Gem., Louisville, Ky.	J. F. H. Dieckmann	"	"
1876 8. Juni	Terre Haute, Ind.	J. H. Klein	"	"
1877 24. Mai	Sheboygan, Wis.	P. Joeriss	F. Forwick	"
1878 24. Apr.	Salems Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind.	H. J. Ruetenik	"	J. J. Janett
1879 1. Okt.	Galion, Ohio	J. G. Zahner	"	"
1880 6. Okt.	I. Gem., Cleveland, Ohio	C. T. Martin	"	"
1881 5. Okt.	Chicago, Illinois	H. A. Muehlmeier	"	"
1882 18. Okt.	Zions Kirche, Louisville, Ky.	C. Schaaf	F. W. Scheele	"
1883 3. Okt.	Milwaukee, Wis.	J. F. H. Dieckmann	"	"
1884 2. Okt.	St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind.	M. G. I. Stern	"	"
1885 7. Okt.	Terre Haute, Ind.	M. G. I. Stern	"	"
1886 6. Okt.	Franklin, Wis.	F. Grether	"	"
1887 28. Sep.	Wheatland, Iowa	C. F. Kriete	"	"
1888 5. Okt.	Zions Kirche, Louisville, Ky.	C. F. Kriete	F. W. Hoff	"
1889 25. Sep.	Riceville (Jackson), Wis.	C. Schaaf	"	"
1890 3. Sep.	St. Joh. Kir., Indianapolis, Ind.	C. T. Martin	"	"
1891 7. Okt.	St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind.	C. F. Kriete	"	"
1892 5. Okt.	Town Herman, Wis.	H. C. Nott	"	"
1893 4. Okt.	Lafayette, Ind.	J. O. Vitz	"	"
1894 3. Okt.	St. Louis, Mo.	C. F. Kriete	"	"
1895 3. Okt.	Milwaukee, Wis.	C. F. Kriete	"	"
1896 7. Okt.	Terre Haute, Ind.	J. Kuelling	"	"
1897 6. Okt.	St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind.	J. Kuelling	"	"
1898 3. Okt.	Sheboygan, Wis.	J. Hauser	"	"
1899 27. Sep.	Im. Kirche, Indianapolis, Ind.	C. F. Kriete	"	"
1900 3. Okt.	Salems Kirche, Louisville, Ky.	C. F. Kriete	"	"
1901 2. Okt.	Milwaukee, Wis.	F. Grether	"	"
1902 1. Okt.	Magley, Ind.	F. Grether	"	"
1903 30. Sep.	Town Herman, Wis.	H. C. Nott	"	"
1904 14. Sep.	Baxter, Iowa	H. C. Nott	"	"
1905 4. Okt.	St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind.	W. F. Horstmeier	"	"
1906 3. Okt.	Terre Haute, Ind.	J. F. Winter	"	"
1907 2. Okt.	Zions Kirche, Louisville, Ky.	C. F. Kriete	"	"
1908 7. Okt.	Kiel, Wis.	J. O. Vitz	"	"
1909 6. Okt.	Huntington, Ind.	F. Grether	"	"
1910 5. Okt.	Sheboygan, Wis.	H. W. Vitz	"	"
1911 11. Okt.	St. Joh. Kir., Ft. Wayne, Ind.	J. H. Kunst	"	"
1912 25. Sep.	Town Herman, Wis.	E. G. Krampe	"	"
1912 4. Dez.	Plymouth, Wis.	Spezialsitzung	"	"
1913 8. Okt.	Salems Kir., Lafayette, Ind.	E. G. Krampe	"	"
1914 30. Sep.	Zions Kirche, Waukon, Iowa	E. G. Krampe	W. Streblow	J. Schmalz
1915 29. Sep.	St. Pauls Kir., Wheatland, Ia.	F. Grether	"	"
1916 4. Okt.	Sarons Kir., Sheb. Falls, Wis.	Geo. Grether	"	"
1917 2. Okt.	Zions Kir., Sheboygan, Wis.	Dr. J. J. Janett	"	"
1918 2. Okt.	Im. Kirche, Greenwood, Wis.	A. Muehlmeier	"	"
1919 17. Okt.	Zwingli Kir., Monticello, Wis.	V. Rettig	"	"
1920 13. Okt.	Town Herman, Wis.	V. Rettig	"	E. G. Krampe
1921 12. Okt.	Plymouth, Wis.	F. A. Rittershaus	"	"
1922 4. Okt.	Immanuel Kir., Sutton, Neb.	Paul Traeger	"	"
1923 19. Sep.	Salems Gem., Ludlow, Iowa	Paul Traeger	"	"
1924 24. Sep.	Imm. Gem., Klemme, Iowa	A. Muehlmeier	"	"
1925 23. Sep.	Potter, Wis.	H. T. Vriesen	"	"
1926 14. Sep.	Menno, S. Dak.	H. T. Vriesen	"	"
1927 6. Sep.	Immanuel Kir., Sutton, Neb.	E. L. Worthman	"	"
1928 4. Sep.	Waukesha, Wis.	K. J. Ernst	"	"
1929 3. Sep.	Wheatland, Iowa	K. J. Ernst	"	"
1930 2. Sep.	Garner, Iowa	K. J. Ernst	"	"
1931 8. Sep.	Sauk City, Wis.	H. G. Settlage	"	"
1932 6. Sep.	Mission House, Wis.	Josias Friedli	"	"
1933 5. Sep.	Kiel, Wis.	Josias Friedli	"	"
1934 4. Sep.	New Glarus, Wis.	Josias Friedli	"	"
1935 3. Sep.	Sheboygan, Wis.	K. J. Stuebbe	"	"
1936 8. Sep.	Plymouth, Wis.	K. J. Stuebbe	"	H. K. Hartmann
1937 24. Aug.	Mission House	F. W. Knatz	"	"
1938 6. Sep.	Alleman, Iowa	F. W. Knatz	"	"
1939 5. Sept.	Kiel, Wis.	F. W. Knatz	"	"
1940 3. Sep.	Town Herman, Wis.	F. W. Knatz	"	"





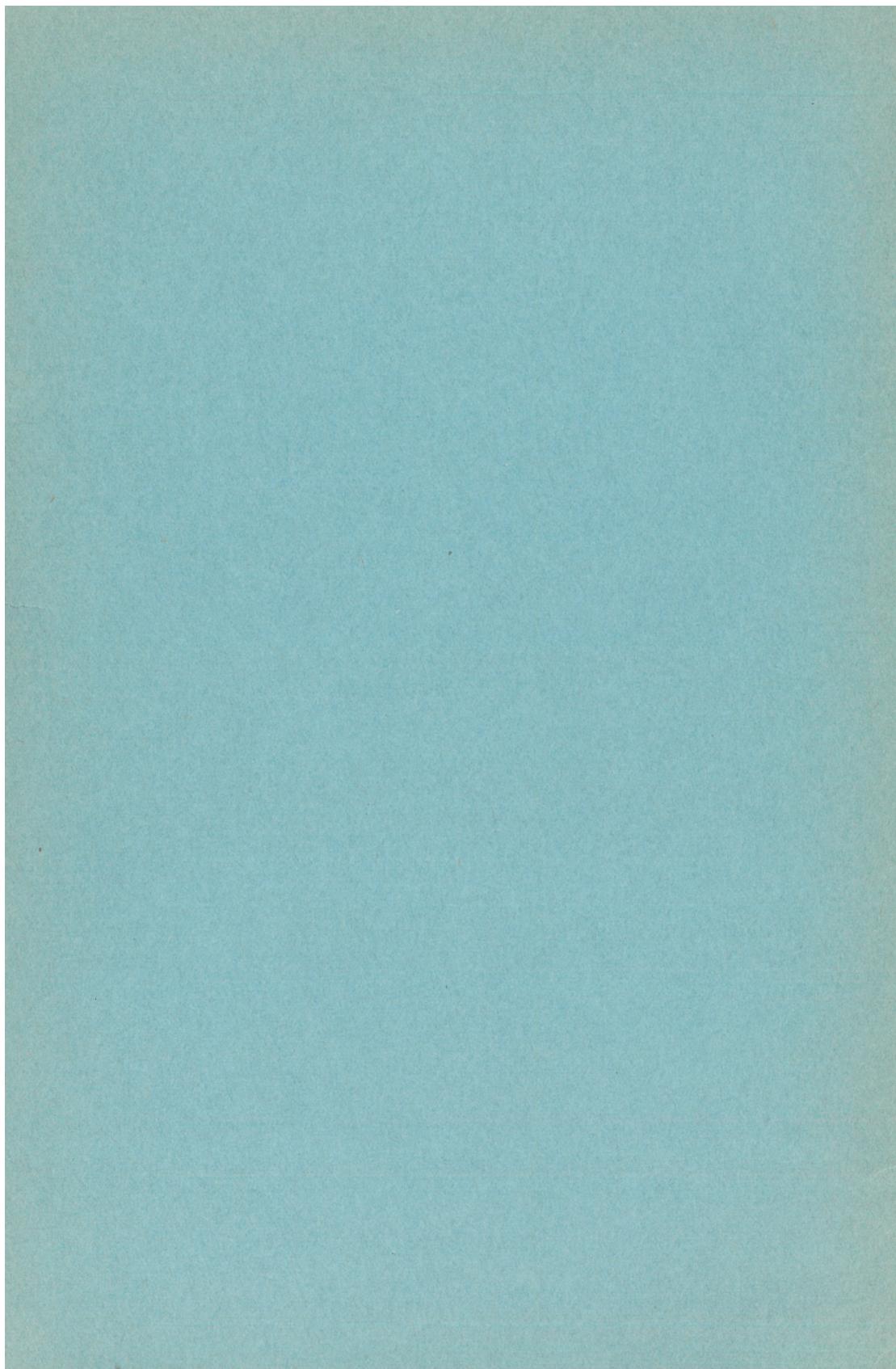


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Town Herman, Wisconsin

September 3-6, 1940

Tuesday, September 3, 8:00 P. M.

- I. Opening Service, Rev. F. W. Knatz, D.D., President of Synod, Primarius, Rev. Ed. H. Wessler, D.D., Secundus.
- II. Organization of Synod:
  - a. Opening of business session.
  - b. Report of registration.
  - c. Election of President and Vice-President.
  - d. Adoption of order of business, and announcements.

Wednesday, September 4:

8:30 A.M. Devotion and Preparation for Lord's Supper. Rev. E. L. Worthman, Primarius; Rev. A. R. Achtemeier, Secundus.

9:00—11:30 A.M. Business session:

1. Report of Registration.
2. Reading of Minutes.

III. Completing of Organization:

- a. Designation of the Bar of the House.
- b. Election of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

IV. Appointment of Committees.

V. Presentation of Blue Book and other Documents.

VI. Report of Officers.

1. Report of the President (State of Church) and short Memorial Service conducted by the Rev. H. T. Vriesen.
2. a. Report of the Stated Clerk.  
b. Report of Treasurer.  
c. Report of the Executive Committee.  
d. Report of the Committee on Archives.

VII. Some Statements of the Executive Committee of General Synod if a representative should be present.

VIII. Report of Committees:

1. Committee on Overtures.
2. Minutes of Synods:
  - a. General Synod.
  - b. Synod of the Northwest.

11:30 A.M. to 2 P.M. Noon recess.

2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Business Session.

1. Addresses of representatives of various Boards, if such are present and have to give some special information.
2. Committee on Overtures. Continuation.
3. Report on Classes.

8:00 P.M. English Service: Christian Education, Rev. E. G. Krampe, D.D., Primarius; Rev. H. G. Settlage, Secundus.

Thursday, September 5.

8:30 A.M. Morning Devotion and Celebration of the Lord's Supper. Rev. K. J. Stuebbe, D.D., Primarius; Rev. O. A. Menke, Secundus

IX. 9:30—11:30 A.M. Business Session.

1. Report of Registration and Reading of Minutes.
2. Committee on Overtures, Continuation.
3. Report on Nominations.
4. Report on Religious Services.
5. Report, Student Aid. Rev. E. L. Worthman.
6. Report, Institutions of Learning.

11:30 to 2 P.M. Noon recess.

1. Conference on Christian Education, 1 hour.
2. Election of Board Members.
3. Report on Traveling Expenses.
4. Report on Christian Education.
5. Report on Missions and Church Erection Fund.
6. Report on Benevolent Institutions.
7. Report on Ministerial Relief.

8:00 P.M. English Service on Missions: Rev. C. M. Zenk, D.D., Primarius; Rev. E. H. Vornholt, Secundus.

Friday, September 6:

8:30 A.M. Morning Devotion. Rev. Calvin Grosshuesch, Primarius; Rev. John Seidler, Secundus.

9:00 to 11:30 A.M. Business Session.

1. Report of Registration and Reading of Minutes.
2. Report on Publication and Central Publishing House.
3. Report, Result of Election.
4. Report on Stewardship.
5. Report on Finances and Election of Treasurer.
6. Report on Evangelism.
7. Report on Men's League.
8. Report on Woman's Missionary Society.

11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Noon Recess.

1. Report on Special Committees.
2. Unfinished Reports of Standing Committees.
  - a. Advisory Members.
  - b. Excuses.
  - c. Press.

**XI. Miscellaneous.**

1. Report on Resolutions.
2. Time and place of next meeting.
3. Other Resolutions.
4. Other unfinished business

**XII. Adjournment.**

1. Reading of minutes
2. Last Registration.
3. Adoption of Minutes.
4. Adjournment.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Annual Report of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Northwest

To the Honorable Synod of the Northwest.

DEAR BRETHREN: By the grace of God, your Board was enabled to conduct its work of promoting the educational work within our territory during the past year without serious interruption. Regarding this work the Board desires to report as follows:

#### I. Summary of the Report from the Field

Written reports from only three Classes were received by the Board at the time of its annual meeting. This is undoubtedly due to the fact that through the formation of the new "Synods" it is no longer feasible to report on the work of the former Classes. The Board however, through its Director, received verbal reports on the activities of the Synodical Committees of at least two of the newly organized Synods within our territory. Summarizing the most important items from these reports, the following may be reported.

*Nebraska Classis.* This Classis reports that the work of Christian Education was carried out through the Home, Sunday School, Vacation Church School, Catechetical Class, Young People's Societies, Women's Societies and other channels. With but one exception all congregations have Sunday Schools, which use either the uniform or graded lesson materials; five congregations have Vacation Church Schools; all have Women's organizations and regular catechetical instruction. The Classis realizes that every congregation should have an active Youth Group, and hopes that this goal will be realized after the formation of the Nebraska Synod, through energetic promotion of the "Youth Fellowship." It is noteworthy that this Classis recognizes the educational values of all church organizations, adopted all recommendations of the Synod of the Northwest, introduced the new hymnal "Christian Hymnways" in some schools, and adopted resolutions recommending that pastors inform their congregations regarding the values of uniting their local organizations with the national organizations of the united church.

*South Dakota Classis.* The educational work of this Classis is seriously hindered by the fact that four of the nine charges, i. e., eleven congregations, are at present without pastoral care. However those charges which have pastors are energetically promoting the work of the Christian nurture of youth. The report calls attention to the need of adult education, mentions that the transition from the use of the German language into that of the English language is steadily increasing, and emphasizes that all charges give special attention to the matter of catechetical instruction. This Classis recommends to its charges the promotion of proper Leadership Training, the introduction of "Christian Hymnways," the use of the various helps prepared by the Board of Christian Education, and urges the

energetic support of the work of the Board of Christian Education. This Classis also instructed its Committee on Christian Education to arrange for a Youth Conference of all young people of the Classis, as was done by the Classis in former years.

Since the organization of the *North Wisconsin* and the *South Wisconsin Synods* (which include the Sheboygan and Milwaukee Classes) there has been a fine cooperation of the Committees of these two Synods with the Board of Education of the Synod of the Northwest. It is gratifying to report that these committees are energetically promoting the work of Christian Education and that the formation of Youth Fellowships in these Synods is progressing rapidly. These two Synods are giving special attention to the promotion of the Missionary Conference at the Mission House, the Green Lake Leadership Training School, and the Young People's and Church School Workers' Conference, which is also held at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

## II. Activities of the Board

As in former years the Board held two meetings during the past year. At these meetings the reports of the Director, regarding activities in the field, the needs of our constituency and the progress of the work, were carefully and critically studied. It is evidenced by these reports that the Director was active in many different ways and that under his leadership all the customary projects, such as pastors' seminars, leadership training projects of various types, church visitation, conferences with workers and individuals etc., were carried out as in former years with gratifying results. There were more cases of personal counseling with individuals and smaller groups than ever before. In all these activities and in every single case, the Director sought not only to guide the specific groups in the solution of their problems, but also to interpret the work of the Board of Christian Education in relation to these local problems.

No distinctly new projects were undertaken by your Board. But the formation of new "Synods," replacing our former "Classes" presents to your Board a definite problem to the study of which the Board and the Director have given very careful attention. Through the formation of "Synods" the supervision which your Board and the Boards of the "Classes" have been exercising in respect to the educational work in our local churches, now naturally passes on to the "Synodical Committees on Christian Education."

The task of these new Synodical Committees is of utmost importance for the future promotion of our educational work. Upon them will rest the responsibility to discover the special needs of their respective areas and to develop plans of approach to meet these needs adequately. Upon them will also rest the responsibility for intensive promotion of Christian Education in the local churches of their areas. It is through them that hereafter the Church's educational program must be made effective in the local churches.

The work of these Synodical Committees on Education will be promoted more readily if our pastors and elders themselves are acquainted

with the lines of procedure along which our educational work will hereafter be promoted. Your Board therefore from the very outset desires to render whatever aid it can, and has planned to make this particular matter the subject of discussion in our synodical conference on Christian education. The Board is also placing at the disposal of the new Synodical Committees on Christian Education all information and results of its studies and activities in our specific field.

### III. Recommendations

We submit the following recommendations for approval and adoption by Synod:

1. In view of the growing indifference and hostility to Christian living and thinking in our days, and the urgent need of grounding our children, youth and adults in the truths of the Word of God, we urge all our members, particularly all pastors, elders and church school workers, to labor more earnestly by prayer, thought and study in the cause of Christian education.
2. We call the attention of our pastors, elders and congregations to the fact that the services of our Director, Dr. Krampe, will be continued as heretofore, and we urge them to avail themselves of his services as well as of the service of our Board's reference library and similar matters as much as possible.
3. We request that our congregations and Church schools continue and increase their financial as well as their moral support to the work of the Board of Christian Education, especially at this critical time when our faith is being sorely tried, that our faith may be strengthened and that we may be found faithful unto our Lord.

Respectfully,

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SYNOD  
OF THE NORTHWEST,

E. H. WESSLER, President.

Plymouth, Wis.,  
July 8, 1940.

**Financial Report of the Board of Education of the  
Synod of the Northwest**

Jan. 1,—Dec. 31, 1939.

**I. Income**

1) Contributions from the Classes:

Sheboygan Classis .....	\$ 645.52
Milwaukee Classis .....	332.94
Minnesota Classis .....	111.54
Nebraska Classis .....	35.00
Ursinus Classis .....	80.50
South Dakota Classis .....	55.55
Portland-Oregon Classis .....	23.40
Eureka Classis .....	.....
West Canada Classis .....	16.00
California Classis .....	14.15
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Total from Classes .....	\$1314.60

2) Receipts from other sources:

Interest .....	\$ 80.00
Personal contribution .....	50.00
Sales of Workbooks to Heidelberg Catechism...	40.12
Heidelberg League .....	3.75
Leadership Training projects .....	30.57
Textbook sales .....	30.15
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Total from other sources.....	\$ 234.59
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Total Income.....	\$1549.19

**II. Expenses**

Board of Chr. Education of General Synod.....	\$1228.20
Leadership Training projects .....	45.15
Heidelberg League .....	3.75
Library and Source Materials .....	32.78
Office supplies, postage, etc.....	47.71
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Total expenses.....	\$1357.59

**III. Summary**

Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1939.....	\$1453.69
Total Receipts .....	1549.19
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	\$3002.88

Total expenditures .....	\$1357.59
Balance, Jan. 1, 1940 .....	1645.29
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	\$3002.88

**IV. Investments**

Bonds, Board of Home Missions.....	\$2000.00
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	\$2000.00

E. G. KRAMPE, Treasurer,

Examined and found correct, July 3, 1940.

E. H. WESSLER,  
H. F. MAURER.

## ORPHAN HOME

### Report of the Board of Trustees of the Fort Wayne Orphan Home

To the Reverend Synods, the Northwest, the Mid-West, the Ohio, the Eastern and their Successors.

DEAR BRETHREN:—It is a long time since October 17, 1883, when Rev. and Mrs. John Rettig began the work of the Fort Wayne Orphan Home in an ordinary farm dwelling. Hundreds of children have entered and left, received care and were blessed, since Herman Leisering, of Sherwood, Ohio, became the first ward. God's blessing, and loving support by our constituency have not been lacking during these years, and by the exercise of stewardship on the part of the management our Home has carried on. And again we are privileged to report on a year's service rendered to God, to the children and to our beloved Church.

Rev. A. Stienecker as superintendent and treasurer, and his good wife as matron, have satisfactorily headed the Home, and for a brief review of the past year's work we condense the superintendent's report to the Board as follows:

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There are at this time 80 children in our care; 74 are living in our Home, the other six are with various families.

We are truly grateful to our churches, organizations and individuals who remembered this work among homeless children with gifts, so that these children could be properly provided for. We have honestly tried to care for them by proper supervision and in supplying them with sufficient and wholesome food and shelter. One boy had a mild attack of pneumonia, but has recovered completely. Otherwise there was no serious illness.

All positions on our staff are filled, and as a whole, fine work is being done.

As in other years, our grade-school children attend the public grade school of two rooms on our grounds, where we have two able teachers. Over 20 of the older boys and girls are attending high school in Fort Wayne.

Our children are also being trained to work by helping at various jobs as they are always found in an institution of this type. The girls help in the kitchen, dining room and laundry, and learn to clean their own rooms, etc. The older boys help on the farm and at other jobs. The younger boys help keep the buildings and the grounds clean, help in the garden, mowing the lawns, painting, etc. There is also a carpenter shop where furniture is repaired and other work of this nature done, and a small wood-working shop for the use of the boys.

Our Gym is always a favorite place. Our "varsity" team plays against

outside teams, and so far during this season our boys won eleven basket ball games and lost none.

Band and orchestra are functioning as usual. Last summer and fall we played concerts in between 40 and 50 churches, also presenting the work of our Home in addresses and motion pictures. We appreciate these opportunities and hope to visit many more churches next summer. We also have singing classes and a Girls' Glee Club.

Our farm contributes milk, eggs and meat in abundance. Our children drink at least a quart of milk a day, besides eating considerable cottage cheese and occasionally home-made ice cream.

Our Fort Wayne churches co-operate splendidly with us in the religious education of the children. All children attend Sunday-school, worship services and those of the proper age, catechetical instruction, in our two down-town churches, because these two are within practical driving distance. Twelve of our boys and girls were confirmed last spring, and have thus become members of our churches.

Our main entrance drive was beautified by a new sign and an evergreen planting. Playground equipment purchased from another children's home has been in use during the year, and a tennis court was provided. A new pergola and lattice fence add to the beauty of our yard.

A new Ford station wagon serves the Home well.

We are indeed grateful that we were able to finish the year without borrowing money. The regular Church and Sunday-school offerings averaged about 15c per member. Personal gifts and legacies came to our aid and through them we hope eventually to pay our outstanding notes. A few congregations gave us more than the 25c average desired; others just reached the quota, but very many fell far short of the goal.

We must remember that legacies are not regular contributions upon which we can depend, so our prayer is that our churches may earnestly seek to attain the goal of 25c per member during the Christmas season, or at other times of the year. However, since personal gifts and legacies have been of such great help and blessing to our Home, we would also ask our pastors to remind individuals of our needs, so they may become friends of our Home, and help homeless children in their need by personal gifts, and in remembering our Home in their last will.

The treasurer's report shows receipts and expenditures and the financial standing of our Home in detail. We would also call your attention to the farm and garden report.

And now again we lift our hearts in praise and thanksgiving to our loving God, who has sustained us, and who has helped us and who has supplied our every need. We pray that He may go with us during this next year, and that He may bless us and strengthen us and bless this work among homeless children, that He may give us wisdom and love for the work.

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A year ago we asked the Synods owning the Home, in this period of adjustment, to conserve the present loyalties to the Home in the new Synods into which their constituency would be assigned; we also requested the transfer of ownership to these new Synods (the Board to hold ownership for the Synods); also that no change be made in the personnel of the Board until the meeting of the new Synods following the next meeting of General Synod, when the new Synods accepting ownership were to elect one trustee each. All of these requests were favorably acted upon by the Synods.

Therefore the personnel of our Board will remain the same until the Synod meetings of 1941. This allows us time, following the meeting of General Synod and of the Commission on Benevolent Institutions, to prepare a suitable charter and make such suggestions as may seem necessary.

We trust all the new Synods in the territory mostly served by our Home will accept part in and responsibility for our Home, we also hope that the more distant Synods will earnestly consider and definitely express themselves on their relationship to our Home.

Our Board of Trustees extends to all the Synods our kindest greetings, our best wishes, and we commend our Home to God's loving care and the generous and loyal support of the Church we all love.

In the name of the Board of Trustees of the Fort Wayne Orphan Home,

Sincerely,

O. STOCKMEIER, Pres.

Holgate, Ohio,  
February 23rd, 1940.

#### SCHEDULE I

#### HOME MISSIONS

#### Annual Report of the Department of the Northwest, Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States (Evangelical and Reformed Church)

To the Ohio Synod, the Synod of the Mid-West and the Synod of the Northwest:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We acknowledge again, and that most gratefully, the guidance of God and His kindly, fatherly care during the past year as we prepare our report for the year 1939. As a Department we are always mindful of the responsibilities that have been placed upon us and we endeavor to meet them as conscientiously as we can. Many problems and difficulties are met with during the year and as God gives us grace, wisdom and understanding, we try to solve and overcome these.

We pray, and we ask you to pray with us, that God may continue to bless the various projects of Home Mission work carried on by the Department and by the Board of Home Missions of our Church.

##### The Personnel

of our Department of the Northwest consists of the following persons: The Revs. E. A. Kielsmeier, R. J. Schroer and John C. Gieser of the Ohio Synod; the Revs. C. A. Schmid, Wm. H. Knierim and Elder H. C. Young of the Synod of the Mid-West; Revs. W. J. Stuckey, H. G. Settlage and A. Geo. Schmid of the Synod of the Northwest. The Rev. T. P. Bolliger, D.D., Superintendent of the Department, represents the Board of Home Missions and Miss Helen Nott the W.M.S.G.S.

The officers of the Department are: Pres., Rev. A. Geo. Schmid; Vice Pres., Rev. John C. Gieser; Secretary, Rev. Wm. H. Knierim, and Treasurer, Rev. Walter J. Stuckey. These officers also constitute the Executive Committee of the Department

##### The Superintendent

of the Department, Dr. T. P. Bolliger, completed 20 years of service in this office on September 1, 1939. During these years when he served, first as General Secretary and then as Superintendent, he traveled a total of 420,000 miles, and the time he was away from home totaled at least six years. He visited many missions and other congregations and attended meetings of Boards, Committees, Classes, Synods, Conferences, Societies, et cetera. When at home in his office, he attended to the extensive correspondence, kept the records of the Church Erection Fund, wrote articles for our church papers, etc. This past year most of his articles told about our work in Wisconsin, the Pacific Northwest, in Canada and our Indian work. These articles have historical value and should be read.

#### Our Home Missionaries

The Department as well as the entire Church appreciates the work that was done by these men during the past year. An increase in membership, in spiritual growth and in financial support is always desired. But your Department knows only too well that the same amount of consecrated effort and hard work does not always produce the same amount of visible progress in the different congregations. Sometimes the missionary, whose reports seem to indicate little progress, has actually been the hardest working missionary.

The life and the work of the missionary on the home field really does not differ from that of the pastor who serves a congregation that is not a Mission, except that he receives part of his financial support from the church-at-large and consequently owes the church-at-large a certain amount of responsibility. Home Missionaries experience the same failures, griefs, disappointments, discouragements, aggravations and heartaches that other pastors have, and of course they also have the same moments of joy and periods of success.

Your Department and its superintendent are constantly on the lookout for the most suitable men for the vacant charges. We always welcome suggestions from our missionaries and the church, telling us how we may be more helpful and how we can serve the church better.

There have been several resignations and commissions and there are again a number of vacant charges. We list these items as follows:

#### RESIGNATIONS:

The Rev. F. F. Ott, Upham, North Dakota.  
The Rev. Wm. Korn, Alpena, South Dakota.

#### COMMISSIONS:

The Rev. Ralph Ley, to Green Bay, Wisconsin.  
The Rev. John Verhage, to Porterfield-Oconto, Wisconsin.  
The Rev. H. R. Burkett, to Wabasha, Minnesota.  
The Rev. F. F. Ott, to Hillsboro, Oregon.

#### VACANCIES as of December 31, 1939:

Vegreville-Martins, Alberta, Canada.  
Wolseley, Saskatchewan, Canada.  
Heil-Beulah, North Dakota.  
Medina, North Dakota.  
Upham-Lincoln Valley, North Dakota.  
Isabel-Trail, South Dakota.  
Alpena-Miller, South Dakota.  
Memorial, Toledo, Ohio.

The Classes in which these vacant congregations are located provide them with services as well as they can.

NEW MISSIONS ENROLLED, are: Wabasha, Minnesota; Harvard, Nebraska; Hillsboro, Oregon. Porterfield in Sheboygan Classis has become the Porterfield-Oconto Charge.

Death invaded the ranks of our faithful workers twice during the year. The Rev. P. H. Baumann of Toledo, Ohio, was called home suddenly in June and Mrs. George F. Zinn of Portland, Oregon, died in September, after several months of illness. Both were exceptionally active and helpful in the work of the church and their passing is a loss not only to those who stood nearest to them but also to the congregations they served so faithfully and well.

#### Our Field

The vast extent of our territory must become apparent to everyone who studies the maps of the United States and Canada. Our Missions are located in sixteen states and Canadian provinces. But they are all mid-western states and Canadian provinces and all of them, without exception, are large in area.

Some of the congregations which were vacant a year ago are still vacant. Some because of unsettled economic conditions in regions where they are located, others because of plans that are in process of development to re-group them so they may be served better. In Dakota in particular, the greatest difficulty seems to be to find men old enough to be able to still preach in German and yet young enough to stand the rigors of the Dakota climate and the constant wear and tear of the pastoral work.

A study of the fields in the west and north shows that there is still an opportunity for the man with the spirit of the pioneer and frontier. We are too optimistic to believe that the Church no longer has men of this type or that the Church does not care for this kind of work.

We believe that if the Church as a whole would take a more active interest in our Home Mission projects and inform itself more about their needs, it would become more sympathetic toward this work and more willing to lend a helping hand, and it would not feel quite so smug, self-satisfied and complacent as it seems to feel now. There are so many difficulties and problems. These are not all spiritual problems, but physical ones as well, problems that affect everyday life in our thickly populated centers and in sparsely settled communities where poverty is the rule rather than the exception, lack of employment in the city and repeated crop failures in the country.

#### WINNEBAGO INDIAN MISSION

Limited space permits us to refer to only a few of the most essential items of interest here.

**BLACK RIVER FALLS STATION:**—The Rev. Benjamin Stucki directs the work here, assisted by John Stacey, who serves as evangelist, and Miss Louise Kippenhahn, who was appointed last fall as Community Church and Social Worker. Services and Sunday-school are held every Sunday. John Stacy preaches in Winnebago every Sunday and the Rev. Mr. Stucki preaches in English every two weeks, weather permitting.

Inspiring services commemorating the sixtieth anniversary of the Win-

nebago Indian Mission were held May 14, 1939. A large number of Christian and non-Christian Indians attended these services, which were conducted in both the Winnebago and English language. Your Department was represented there by the superintendent and several members of the Department. Seventeen young people were received into the congregation by confirmation, the largest number so far received at one time. The first five converts are still faithful members of the congregation and all of them were present at the services. Their names are John Stacy, Mrs. John Stacy, King of Thunder, David Decorah and George Lowe.

An old wagon-shed and another old building not in use, have been converted into a community hall, library and reading room. A consignment of books from the Wisconsin Traveling Library has been placed in the reading room, as well as magazines, of which several subscriptions have been received as gifts. A weekly community sing attracts an average of 44. A church choir has been organized. Several other activities are carried on, all of them aiming to offer the Christian and the non-Christian Indian who may be interested, something to help him avoid the many snares into which the non-Christian element among both the whites and Indians in the community try to lure him. Definite progress was made here.

**THE SCHOOL AT NEILLSVILLE.** — The quarterly report of the Rev. Mr. Stucki who is also superintendent of the school, provide us an excellent picture of the work done there. The periodical meetings of the Indian Committee representing the Department, the Board of Home Missions and the W.M.S.G.S. in the school, offer added opportunities to observe the work that is being done.

The W.M.S.G.S. again gave splendid financial support to the Mission project at Black River Falls and at Neillsville. Other church groups, societies and individuals in both the "E" and "R" groups show a keen interest in our Indian Mission work by donating clothing, food, money, etc., in a very liberal manner. All this help is acknowledged most gratefully here.

The physical property of the school is probably in a better condition now than it has been at any time since the "depression" began ten years ago. Repairs have been made and the main building was gone over thoroughly with paint and varnish brushes. The enrollment varied from 102 to 110, which means full capacity.

Excellent services are rendered here by the superintendent and a faithful and loyal group of workers, teachers and other employees. Our work both at Black River Falls Station and in Neillsville is in good hands.

#### **THE CHURCH ERECTION FUND**

A total of \$502.55 was given for this cause by congregations, and all of it came from five Classes in the Synod of the Northwest. We refer you to the financial report on another page for details on receipts and disbursements, repayments on loans, new loans and present assets.

Last year, congregations that had loans repaid a total of \$9,483.06. The present total resources of the fund amount to \$216,880.86.

The following new loans were granted and paid in 1939: Pleasant Run Boulevard, Indianapolis, Indiana, \$1,200.00; Sunnydale Mission, Louisville, Kentucky, \$4,000.00; III Church, Portland, Oregon, \$500.00, a total of \$5,700.00.

Your Department always encourages congregations that have loans, to repay these promptly when due, if at all possible, so that the money may be loaned elsewhere and help other congregations.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

We submit the following items for your consideration, and request that favorable action may be taken on them:

(1). We are grateful to the Board of Home Missions for its earnest efforts and its success in reducing the Home Mission debt. We assure the Board of our whole-hearted co-operation in this matter.

(2). All congregations are urged to pay their apportionment in full so that not only all present Home Mission projects can be continued, but that new work may be undertaken.

(3). The Church Erection Fund, which has helped and is helping so many of our congregations, is recommended to our consistories and congregations as a cause worthy of their continued support.

(4). Classes, Synods, Congregations, Church Societies and individuals are urged to create gift or memorial church erection funds of \$500.00 or more.

(5). We are most appreciative and grateful to the W.M.S.G.S. for its interest in and support of the various Home Mission projects, especially of our work among the Winnebago Indians.

#### EXPIRATION OF TERMS OF OFFICE

The members of the Board of the Department of the Northwest whose terms of office expire this year, are:

Rev. A. Geo. Schmid, Synod of the Northwest.

Rev. E. A. Kielsmeier, Ohio Synod.

Rev. C. A. Schmid, Synod of the Mid-West.

Respectfully submitted,

A. GEO. SCHMID,  
President of Department.

**SCHEDULE II**  
**Statistical Report of the Missions in the Department of the Northwest of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church**  
**within the Bounds of the Synod of the Northwest, the Synod of the Mid-West, and the Ohio Synod,**  
**from January 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939**

NAME	PLACE	CLASSIS	MISSIONARY	When Employed	Years Served		Chaplains	Benevolence	Congregational Expenses	Relief towards	Salary
					Added	Lost					
1 Winnebago Indian Miss.											
Congregation	Black River Falls, Wis...	Sheboygan	1917 Betti, Shucki	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	95	19	2	17	*111	\$ 24
School	Neillsville, Wis...	Sheboygan	1917 Betti, Shucki	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	170	22	1	145	681	.....
2 Grace	Kohler, Wis...	Sheboygan	1925 V. B. Walenta	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2	113	5	2	3	413	500
3 Porterfield-Oconto	Oconto, Wis...	Sheboygan	1924 John Verlage	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2	118	20	20	52	22725	1250
4 First	Green Bay, Wis...	Sheboygan	1939 Ralph Ley	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	118	20	64	102	18	100
5 **Salem-Zion	Greenwood, Wis...	Sheboygan	1926	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	137	20	20	17	100	800
6 Humboldt-Fall Creek	Black River Falls	Humboldt, Wis...									359
7 St. Paul's	Sheboygan, Wis...	Sheboygan	1926 V. D. Weidler	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	104	22	22	55	143	.....
8 Memorial-Immanuel	Madison, Wis...	Sheboygan	1928 C. O. Schreier	7	1	329	28	28	21	208	478
9 Walubka-Fillmore	Milwaukee	Milwaukee	1917 C. M. Zeuk, D.D.	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	400	33	12	21	156	406
10 Zwilling-Brill	Rice Lake, Wis...	Minneapolis	1926 P. A. Olin	13	2	189	13	15	2	95	1769
11 Fountit, City-Eagle	Fountain City, Wis...	Minnesota	1910 W. Baumgartner	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	135	17	5	12	60	250
12 Trinity	Wabasha, Minn.	Minnesota	1927 M. Werner	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	186	9	5	4	56	181
13 F. Hope	Loveland, Colo.	Nebraska	1939 H. R. Burkett	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	93	13	12	24	341	57
14 Bethany	Leopard, Iowa	Urbnus	1905 M. Schoenhaar	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	65	4	4	15	18	.....
15 **Heil-Beulah	North, Dakota	Urbnus	1912 A. Deppig	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	122	6	8	-2	97	120
16 **S. Medina	Medina, North Dakota	Eureka	1912 Supplied by Classis	2	33	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	167
17 Upland-Lincoln	Upland, North Dakota	Eureka	1903 Supplied by Classis	2	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70
18 **Alena-Miller	Alpena, So. Dakota	South Dakota	1908 Vacant	2	160	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19 **Isabel-Trail	Isabel, So. Dakota	South Dakota	1920 Supplied by Classis	2	270	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
20 **Eleneard	Quincy, Washington	Portland, Oregon	1909 W. A. Werth	5	1	44	39	39	.....	.....	.....
21 Second	Portland, Oregon	Portland, Oregon	1923 Geo. F. Zimm.	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	1	190	26	3	23	208	175
22 Emanuel	Salem, Oregon	Salem, Oregon	1939 F. Ott	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	85	1	1	100	400	300
23 Bethany	Whimping, Man., Canada	Whimping, Man., Canada	1928 E. Horstman	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	86	10	2	8	60	268
24 Salem	Josephsberg, Sask., Can.	West Canada	1905 C. D. Mauer	18	1	224	2	2	46	143	38
25 Graftell-Valley	Duff, Sask., Canada	West Canada	1902 Carl Fried	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	83	3	1	2	22	72
26 Duff	Wolsley, Sask., Canada	West Canada	1905 Carl Fried, Supply	2	1	32	4	4	25	42	45
27 **Bethany	Stony Plain, Alta., Can.	West Canada	1905 Vacant	1	1	36	18	18	18	.....	.....
28 Hope-Mawstin	1920 C. H. Repert	1939 C. H. Repert	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	188	12	9	3	147	217	3
29 **Vegetille-Martins	1915 Vacant	1944	2	5	5	5	5	5	.....	.....	249
30 Eleventh	Cleveland, Ohio	Northeast, Ohio	1904 Kenneth Hafer	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	118	18	1	17	106	348
31 Memorial	Toledo, Ohio	Indianaapolis, Ind.	1900 P. H. Baumann (Died)	13	1	250	22	3	19	250	200
32 Peasant Run Blvd	Indianaapolis	Indianaapolis	1939 R. C. Windhorst	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	260	32	12	20	170	175
33 Trinity	Marcell, Arkansas	1929 W. H. Knecht	7	1	119	4	4	4	142	15	862
34 Herts-Barton	Chicago, Illinois	1912 T. Sieher	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	70	3	3	3	36	98	13
35 Sh. Thomas	Kentucky	1916 W. F. Naeff	15	1	235	15	10	5	275	236	28
36 Sunnydale	Louisville, Ky.	1937 Claire Rhodes	2	1	104	8	8	8	140	223	10
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											336
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											59

**SCHEDULE III**

**Report of the Department of the Northwest of the Board of  
Home Missions of the Reformed Church**

From January 1st, 1939, to December 31st, 1939

NOTE—This branch of work for "Home Missions" has long been transferred to the Board, but a few individual congregations have still sent money to this Department.

**RECEIPTS.**

From Congregations in:

Nebraska Classis .....	\$ 94.46
Portland-Oregon Classis .....	90.00
West Canada Classis .....	33.18
Total.....	\$ 217.64

The total amount was sent to

Rev. Wm. F. DeLong, Treas. Board of Home Missions	\$ 217.64
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Bal. on hand, Dec. 31, 1939.....	\$ 00.00
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Respectfully submitted,

E. H. VORNHOLT, Treasurer.

The above report was audited and found correct this 8th day of January, 1940, by the undersigned committee.

W. M. GRABOWSKI  
B. STREIFF  
W. MERZDORF

**SCHEDULE IV**

**Financial Statement of the Winnebago Indian Mission,  
Black River Falls Station and Neillsville School**

From January 1, 1939, to December 31, 1939

**RECEIPTS**

Balance on hand, January 1, 1939:

Benj. Stucki, Cash Account.....	\$ 200.00
West Concord Bank .....	146.51
Neillsville Bank .....	.71
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	\$ 347.22

Personal Gifts from Individuals .....	\$ 335.00
Congregations, Societies, Church Schools .....	1,127.26
Ladies' Aid Societies .....	260.79
W.M.S., G.M.G., Mission Bands and Women's Union....	18,230.28
Sales of Produce, Live Stock, etc.....	261.02
Refund on Freight .....	6.55
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	\$20,220.90

Treasurers of several Classes:

Sheboygan Classis .....	\$ 447.47
Milwaukee Classis .....	18.69
Minnesota Classis .....	179.00
Ursinus Classis .....	36.39
West Ohio Classis .....	5.00
Northwest Ohio Classis .....	9.00
Southwest Ohio Classis .....	1.60
Baltimore-Washington Classis .....	4.00
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	\$ 701.84

Special New Building Fund:

Church Women of Toledo, Ohio .....	\$ 85.00
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	\$ 85.00
Total Receipts during 1939.....	\$21,354.96

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Salaries and wages:

Benj. Stucki (W.M.S. grant) .....	\$ 1,449.96
John Stacy (W.M.S. grant) .....	900.00
Teachers' Salaries .....	2,323.56
Household help, wages, etc. .....	2,163.50

Secretary .....	527.72
Janitor and Handy Man .....	484.50
Farm Manager, Gardener, etc. ....	1,201.80
E. H. Vornholt, Treasurer, salary & office suppl. ....	103.00
Community Worker, Black River Falls.....	264.01
David Decorah, Preach'g & Evangelistic Work	138.00
	\$ 9,556.05

Freight and Express .....	\$ 88.96
Office Supplies .....	149.57
School Supplies .....	436.00
Sanitary Supplies .....	250.00
Medical Supplies and Services .....	285.66
Laundry Supplies .....	28.15
Household Supplies .....	329.65
Electric Light and Power .....	701.50
Water Rent and Ice .....	437.39
Fuel Oil, Freight and other Fuel.....	1,541.96
Truck repairs, insurance, license .....	56.47
Equipment, repairs, replacements .....	706.08
Clothing, shoes and repairs .....	255.87
Book Rent, etc. (High School students) .....	13.03
Provisions .....	2,132.10
Farm, Feed, Seed, Live Stock, etc.....	829.80
Insurance (Workman's, Fire, Cyclone) .....	69.33
Taxes, Black River Falls and Neillsville.....	95.57
Traveling Expenses .....	86.67
Interest on Annuity Bonds .....	56.00
Interest on Loan from Bank .....	81.00
Gas and Oil .....	189.52
Indian Committee Expenses .....	88.15
Indian Workers' Conference (Delegate Expenses).....	40.00
Repayment on Loan (Church Erection) .....	30.00
Furnishings and labor for house at old Mission.....	138.76
Special Repair project (1938 & 1939).....	385.14
Special Painting project (1938 & 1939).....	355.05
Various small items .....	22.70
	\$ 9,880.64

Total Disbursements .....	\$19,436.69
Bal. on hand, B. Stucki, Cash.....	200.00
Bal. in Bank, Dec. 31, 1939.....	1,718.27

Total..... \$21,354.96

Road and Sidewalk Fund:

Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1939..... \$171.73

Refrigerator Fund:

On hand, Dec. 31, 1939..... \$169.36

W.M.S.G.S. Painting Project:

On hand, Jan. 1, 1939.....	\$726.97
Disbursed during year .....	355.05

Bal. on hand, Dec. 31, 1939..... \$371.92

Special Repair Project:

Bal. on hand, Jan. 1, 1939.....	\$848.61
Disbursed during year .....	385.14

Bal. on hand, Dec. 31, 1939..... \$463.47

Respectfully sumitted

EDWIN H. VORNHOLT, Treasurer.

This report was audited and found correct this 8th  
day of January, 1940, by the undersigned committee:

W. M. GRABOWSKI  
W. MERZDORF  
B. STREIFF

**SCHEDULE V**

**Financial Statement of the Church Erection Fund of the  
Department of the Northwest**

**RECEIPTS.**

Balance on hand, January 1, 1939.....	\$ 8,546.34
Interest Received .....	163.25
Rent from Iowa Farm .....	340.00
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	\$ 9,049.59

From several Classes in Synod of Northwest:

Sheboygan .....	\$ 201.41
Milwaukee .....	171.33
Minnesota .....	76.05
Ursinus .....	32.16
Portland-Oregon .....	21.60 \$ 502.55
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	\$502.55

Repayments by Congregations:

Appleton, Wis., Payment in full.....	\$ 3,000.00
Belleville, Wis. ....	300.00
Edmonton, Canada .....	300.00
Flint, Michigan, First .....	500.00
Indianapolis, Ind., Pleasant Run .....	300.00
Indian School, Neillsville, Wis. ....	30.00
Louisville, Kentucky, Milton Ave. ....	1,300.00
Louisville, Kentucky, Sunnydale .....	500.00
Loveland, Colo., Hope .....	100.00
Medina, North Dakota .....	35.00
Milwaukee, Wis., Immanuel .....	1,600.00
Porterfield, Wis., First .....	100.00
Portland, Oregon, Second .....	500.00
Verona, Wis. ....	200.00
Waubeka, Wis., Community Church .....	150.00
Winnipeg, Canada, Salem .....	100.00
Winnipeg, Canada, Zion .....	400.06
*Bond Co., Final payment, 1 share.....	68.00
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	\$ 9,483.06

\*Par value \$200.00

Total Receipts .....

\$19,035.20

DISBURSEMENTS

Department Meetings, etc. ....	\$ 152.69
E. H. Vornholt, Treasurer .....	30.00
E. A. Kielsmeier, Secretary .....	25.00
A. Geo. Schmid, President .....	25.00
Interest on Annuities .....	15.00
Office Supplies .....	4.00
Safety Box Rent .....	6.60
Auditing Committee Expenses .....	5.00
Exchange on Canada Checks .....	66.41
Taxes and Improvements on Iowa Farm .....	96.21
Loans granted and paid:	
Indianapolis, Ind., Pleasant Run Blvd. ....	1,200.00
Louisville, Ky., Sunnydale Mission .....	4,000.00
Portland, Oregon, III Reformed .....	500.00

Total Disbursements .....	\$ 6,125.91
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1939.....	12,909.29

Total .....	\$19,035.20
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Further Assets, Loans to Congregations:

Belleville, Wis., First .....	\$ 5,100.00
Chicago, Ill., St. Thomas .....	6,700.00
Chicago, Ill., First (Forest Park).....	6,500.00
Fairfax, South Dakota .....	200.00
Flint, Michigan, First .....	1,875.00
Indianapolis, Ind., Trinity .....	15,830.00
Indianapolis, Ind., Pleasant Run Blvd. ....	18,350.00
Indian School, Neillsville, Wis. ....	7,970.00
Kohler, Wisconsin, Grace .....	23,225.00
Lakewood, Ohio .....	3,300.00
Leola, South Dakota .....	1,450.00
Louisville, Ky., Milton Ave. ....	2,400.00
Louisville, Ky., Sunnydale .....	11,000.00
Loveland, Colo., Hope .....	1,140.00
Madison, Wis., Memorial .....	23,350.00
Medina, North Dakota .....	965.00
Milwaukee, Wis., Immanuel .....	3,400.00
Neudorf, Canada .....	100.00
Piqua, Ohio, First .....	12,400.00
Piapot, Canada .....	575.00
Porterfield, Wis., First .....	1,100.00
Portland, Oregon, Second .....	12,875.00
Sheboygan, Wis., Ebenezer .....	15,000.00
Sheboygan, Wis., St. Paul's .....	11,000.00
Toledo, Ohio, Memorial .....	7,800.00
Verona, Wis. ....	400.00

Wabasha, Minnesota, Trinity .....	500.00
Waubeka, Wis., Community .....	5,050.00
Winnipeg, Canada, Salem .....	400.00
Winnipeg, Canada, Zion .....	379.57
Wolseley, Canada .....	100.00
Portland, Oregon, Third .....	500.00
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Total loaned to congregations.....	\$200,971.57
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Balance cash in Banks, Dec. 31, 1939.....	\$12,909.29
Invested in Bonds .....	900.00
Notes Outstanding, Edmonton, Canada.....	2,100.00
Loaned to Congregations .....	200,971.57
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Total Resources of Fund, Dec. 31, 1939.....	\$216,880.86

Respectfully submitted,  
E. H. VORNHOLT, Treasurer.

The above report was audited and found correct this  
8th day of January, 1940, by the undersigned commit-  
tee:

W. M. GRABOWSKI  
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## RULES AND BY-LAWS

The Rules and By-Laws of the Synod of the Northwest are the same as last year.

There is only one change. Rule IV, 7, which is changed and reads as follows:

7. a. The Committee on Mileage shall complete its report as soon as the claims for traveling expenses are received and report to Synod that it might be referred to the Committee on Finances.

b. The Committee on Mileage shall without exception, state in every case, the expenses according to mileage of one way according to the shortest route and according to the statement of the delegate, as well as for delegates traveling by automobile or by railroad.

c. The travelin expenses for delegates traveling by railroad shall amount to the full sum of the ticket, plus \$2.00 for Clergy Permit, if that is bought for traveling to Synod only, otherwise part of it.

d. The traveling expenses for delegates traveling by automobile shall be figured as follows: If a delegate travels alone, the traveling expenses shall be 4 cents per mile (one way); if several delegates travel in a group the traveling expenses shall be 4 cents per mile for the first member of the group (driving the automobile) and 2 cents per mile for every other member of that group.

e. Traveling expenses shall only be paid to such delegates whose Classes have paid the Synodical Contingent Fee in full to the treasurer of the Synod. To none of the delegates of the Synod the traveling expenses shall be paid, if they did not attend all meetings of the Synod until the adjournment unless excused or otherwise delegated by Synod.

f. Every member of Synod who has a claim for traveling expenses must hand in his claim (traveling expenses) before the end of the second day of meeting to the Registrar. If he neglects to do so, he has no claim for traveling expenses. This rule shall be read at the opening session of Synod.

g. Such members of other Synods who are invited by the Synod to serve on the program of Synod shall receive traveling expenses in full.





